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"Only God Can Save Japan"

(Missionary Maxfield Garrott sends a letter from a young Japanese Christian woman living in Tokyo. When she became a Christian several years ago, she was cast out of her home. After graduating from a Christian college in Nagasaki in 1941, she was asked to remain as a teacher, but she left Nagasaki before the atomic bomb fell there, having been reconciled with her family in 1942. This letter is one of the most poignant appeals for spiritual help that has come out of this war.)

"My country was defeated. During the long years of war, we, the common people were compelled to sacrifice everything — our amusements, our health, and even our beloved ones, only to win the war. But the result was unconditional surrender.

"Japan is now subject to strict judges of Allied Nations, helpless and devastated. The world will examine and criticize Japan from all angles and with various points of view. You judge us as victors. Your noble truth and efficient control have indeed opened our blindness and shown us right ways to go. However, allow me to speak beyond a woman's reserve; your glory and cheer might drown faint but sincere cries of deeply wounded souls.

"On August 15, 1945, at noon, Emperor himself announced Japan's unconditional surrender. All at once, everything around me turned dark. Sorrow so overwhelmed me that I could hardly breathe. I could not help cry-

Baptist Building Employees Honor Dr. McCall

Baptist Building workers staged a surprise party on Saturday, February 3, in commemoration of the seventh anniversary of Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

At the close of the regular daily prayer meeting service, Auber J. Wilds, State Training Union secretary and senior department head, took charge and called on the heads of the various departments. All of them expressed their appreciation of Dr. McCall and his leadership.

Mr. Wilds expressed the feeling of the workers in the form of an acrostic which is reproduced below:

S—incere.
C—onscientious.
O—ptimistic.
T—alented.
C—reative.
H—onest.
I—ntelligent.
E—fficient.

A large biographical dictionary signed by all Baptist workers, was presented to Secretary McCall. He was also given a large anniversary cake with seven candles. The concluding feature was a generous helping of ice cream and cake.

ing. Out of tears came smile, bright smile came back upon my face, because the Japanese as a race and as a nation finally found itself in defeat. Delicate mixture of grief and joy came over me; this is how I feel now, and so do many Japanese people, I believe. War creates the gravest and severest contrast between the opponents. The greater and the more glorious victory you rejoice, the deeper and more miserable humiliation we have to endure. I lost my dear friends in Nagasaki, many of them at a moment!

"But now the war is over. I feel the warm prayers of my friends in America. I know you love peace deeper than any other nation in the world. It was an American missionary (Continued on Page Two)

Baptists Of Holland Opposed Nazi Leaders And Tactics

Rev. J. W. Weenink, President of the Baptist Union of Holland

Before the war the Nazis propagated their views in our country with an amazing flood of literature, public meetings and demonstrations. They launched a new standardized religion. But the voices of the charmers made no impression whatever upon the Baptist people of Holland. They were too well informed about the actions the Nazis had taken against the Protestant churches and the Jews in Germany. They understood the language of the Nazis better than most of the diplomats of western Europe and America. We warned our churches in our weekly periodical on such topics as "Is Nazism consistent with Christianity?" Curiously, the Nazis themselves helped us in this. They put out a sort of confession of faith in which they sought to win as many people as possible to their side. In this document they paid homage to all who practice infant baptism but explicitly condemned the immersion of believers as being sectarian.

Germans Offer Help?

Soon after the bombing of Rotterdam in which 36,000 citizens lost their lives, the executive committee of the Dutch Baptist Union was invited to meet representatives of German Baptists for a conference. The German Baptists assured us of their sincere sympathy in the great loss which we had suffered. In the name of the Baptists of Greater Germany they offered us: (a) free training for our theological students in the seminary in Hamburg; (b) help in rebuilding and refurbishing our churches which had been destroyed; (c) protection in any trouble we might have with the Nazis authorities. We declined this unexpected offer in very polite and (Continued on Page Two)

Dr. Rankin Speaks At Baptist Bible Institute

"When Admiral Perry anchored off the shores of Japan and issued his heavy-artillery ultimatum to open up or be opened up, Japan changed the methods and procedures but not the direction of her civilization," Dr. M. Theodor Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, stated in an interview recently. "However, Japan has now begun the renovation of her civilization, thereby presenting the greatest challenge to the Christian world in the history of missions."

In New Orleans to speak on the Missionary Day program at the Baptist Bible Institute, Dr. Rankin stated further that the war had served a revelatory purpose in showing to the entire United States the urgency of world conditions. Based

Church Membership Increased 32.8 Percent In 18 Years

New York—(RNS)—Inclusive church membership in the United States showed an increase of 32.8 per cent during the 18-year period from 1926 to 1943-44, according to statistics compiled by the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council of Churches and published in its weekly Information Service bulletin.

The census of religious bodies for 1926 reported 54,576,346 church members, while figures for 1943-44 place the total at 72,492,669, representing 52.5 per cent of the nation's population.

In the same interval, the number of members 13 years of age and over increased 33.4 per cent, the number of religious bodies reporting, 20.8 per cent; the number of local churches, 9.3 per cent; and the estimated population 17.9 per cent, the department revealed.

Of the 256 religious bodies reported (Continued on Page Fifteen)

The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent

White House Bible

It was particularly difficult for Dr. J. Chapman Bradley, secretary of the American Bible Society, to get an audience with President Harry S. Truman so that the chief executive could be given a Bible day before Thanksgiving to signal beginning of the World Wide Bible Reading Observance.

After many unsuccessful attempts to get in to see the President and make the presentation, Dr. Bradley luckily told his tale of woe to Frank S. Land, of Kansas City, long-time friend of Truman.

"We'll see if we can't solve that problem quickly," Land remarked. (Continued on Page Fifteen)

on estimates made by Baptist leaders who both made a study of and toured Europe since the war, the missionary leader said that only a miracle could prevent the starvation of at least 5,000,000 of Europe's populations, providing the Christian world carried out her already-made plans for aiding these countries. If the Christians fail there may be no limit to the starvations.

"But world conditions are not altogether deplorable," stated the distinguished visitor. "On the spiritual and moral side there are unlimited opportunities. Baptist Japanese leaders in Japan are sending glowing reports of the change in Japanese thought. At the present Japan presents a wonderful opportunity for a national Christian conquest."

However, it is an old but true adage that opportunity often knocks but once. Baptists must act and now: 1946 is the year. Since no nation can save itself alone, just as no man can save himself alone, it behooves the country with the self-made title of "Christian nation" to act immediately. According to Dr. Rankin, God is going to move in ever-widening circles in Japan and if Baptists are not in the circle it will be due to their own negligence. "If Baptist Christians will only become as concerned about winning the world to Christ as they were about winning the war, Japan and the world are (Continued on Page Fifteen)

Far West Calls For Help

Earnest appeals are being made to the Woman's Missionary Union of the south to allocate funds from the Home Mission offering for urgently needed church building in the far west, according to A. F. Crittendon, formerly pastor at Brookhaven, secretary of the Southern Baptists of California, who join the secretary of Arizona and of New Mexico in the plea. Regarding California, the following challenging facts are given:

We have more than six million unchurched people in California, and perhaps three hundred thousand of these are unaffiliated Southern Baptists. Of the eight hundred and fifty-five towns and cities, reporting a population of 250 or more, there are Northern Baptist churches only in 143 of them, Southern Baptist churches only in 44, and both Northern and Southern Baptist churches in only 43. These forty-three are mostly large cities and in several of them the Northern Baptist work has been established since our church was organized. This leaves 625 towns and cities without any Baptist church, and besides these, there are 1006 populated places (villages having a population of 25 to 249) with no Baptist church.

Our work is growing rapidly. We organized twenty-five new churches during the past year and now have more (Continued on Page Two)

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who led me to Christ and gave me visions for the Kingdom of God. I now willingly accept, painful as it is, that your victory is God's providence. If Japan had won, the self-conceited military leaders would have destroyed our inner life and the Japanese people would have been kept slumbering, faintly breathing in the mystery of their supposed divine country.

"America surpasses us in many respects. Your enormous industrial power, far-advanced scientific developments played a decisive role in the war, but I believe that Japan's misery is due to her primitive conception of God.

"Good, simple Japanese, including my relatives and friends, worship many gods, each having different divine power. One of them is said to possess miraculous power in curing diseases; others work wonders in giving worshippers unexpected treasures. Gods of fire, water, earth, etc., receive reverent worship and ample offerings. We have been taught from our childhood that Japan is a mysterious country protected by many Japanese gods. The typhoon which happened to disperse the invading Mongol fleets at Hakata Bay in 1281 has been called 'Divine Wind,' miraculous virtue of the Japanese gods. It was the faith in the 'Divine Wind' which pushed militarists to wage war on America. It was a desperately reckless adventure, but their faith was so firm that they ignored accurate calculations and careful preparations which are the two great indispensable factors in the modern war.

"The magic power of the 'Divine Wind' had also paralyzed our judgment, and like horses, we were driven forth to our own ruin, vainly believing that someday Divine Wind will blow, some miracle will turn up. What an irony of fate that the long waited miracle did happen at last and decided Japan's fate in a moment! If only Japanese had understood that God is a creating Spirit and not a human emperor or a stone image!

"In the past 70 years, Japan had emerged from a corner of the Pacific to the world's military power. But her rapid expansion could only be achieved at the common man's expense. The selfish leaders had deprived them of all opportunities to express their opinions under pretext of patriotism or loyalty to the emperor. Japan's crippled development was nothing but the success of egoistic militarists' plans. But why has Japan had no revolutions, through which most democratic nations have been born? Because the common Japanese people were so simple, innocent and easy to manage, and because they had no right conception of God, which is always a driving power for human development.

"According to the Potsdam declaration, we are starting anew as a democratic nation, but democracy can never be realized by just taking off despotic leaders and dissolving economic trusts. It can only be achieved on our awakening to the true value of human souls. How can we fully understand the meaning of democracy, being ignorant of the right conception of God? Faith in God as a creator and also faith in human beings as created after His image can alone lead us to democracy. Under the American control, everybody speaks of democracy. Most common

Some friends of Mississippi College have been saying that the Enlargement Campaign goal should be \$1,000,000, instead of \$637,500.

First, it seems to us the sensible and loyal thing to do would be to raise the \$637,500 before we talk about the larger amounts.

Second, we observe there is not a thing in the world that will keep us from raising \$1,000,000 and more if we have the will to perform to that extent. Mississippi College could use the larger amount to the glory of God, and in meeting the needs of our youth!

We again observe in all sincerity that we should raise \$637,500 and then go as far as Mississippi Baptists and their friends care to go in the matter!

We went out for \$200,000 for the Mississippi Baptist Hospital and you gave \$350,000. There is NO LAW AGAINST REPEATING for the Cause of Christ, the needs of our youth and Mississippi College!

God's people gave too much to His work in olden times. See Exodus 36:7. God's people may do it AGAIN when they have the heart to do it! Read Exodus chapters 25 and 36.

FAR WEST CALLS FOR HELP

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than 100 churches cooperating in our convention fellowship. Last year those churches contributed nearly \$39,000 for denominational causes through our Convention office. We find the population generally responsive to our message and program, and could organize 100 new churches this year if we had the workers to put into the field.

Give Last Dollar

An example of the devotion of the people to a church is given below: The First Southern Baptist Church, San Lorenzo, recently purchased property on the main street and in the heart of their population area. It consists of a large dwelling and a two-story structure fifty by fifty feet, formerly used as a barn. They had to sell their old property to make a down payment on this new property. They owe \$3,000 in personal notes that must be paid within the next eight months, a balance of \$8,000 is due on the property and they need \$6,000 to remodel the barn for use as a church. This barn is constructed of redwood, is in excellent condition and by adding a 12-foot enlargement on the ground floor would provide an auditorium 50-62 feet, twelve Sunday school rooms upstairs, with a pastor's study, nursery, baptistry and baptismal dressing rooms on the main floor. They need a total of \$17,000 and must have at least \$9,000. The building remodeled as indicated would look like a church, would be very comfortable and attractive and serve the present needs very well. Often the members of this church have put their last dollar in the collection to meet payments on this property. They deserve help.

Baptists Face Hardships

Regarding the situation in Arizona the secretary reports:

The comity agreement has kept the Baptist message out of nearly every town and community in the state and we have cities without Baptist churches. The public school houses are closed to

people believe that democracy and liberty have been given by General MacArthur. They are happy with Americans on the streets and in public places, but in their private homes, they writhe in sorrow, thinking of their beloved ones killed in the war. Their tears are warm and pure by themselves, but it might be possible that one agitator may harden those wounded souls to strong decision of revenge, and the next explosion will be death to Japan. We must surrender unconditionally not only to the Allied Nations but to God. Then our sorrows will be changed to hopes and visions to build the Kingdom of God. Only God can save Japan. Japanese common people are not bad. They are not belligerent by nature. They are lost sheep without a shepherd.

"Oh, America, blessed nation, listen to this sincere cry of one Japanese girl. Send us shepherds. Give us messengers of God. We are craving for your help."

BAPTISTS OF HOLLAND OPPOSE NAZI LEADERS AND TACTICS

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positive words. We pointed out that the Baptists of so-called Greater Germany had deeply disappointed us in their outspoken attachment of so-called Nazi ideals. Therefore we refused to accept any assistance from them. The Germans had not expected this reaction to their generous pledges. One of the leaders inquired, "But don't you believe that Hitler is sent from God and will win the war?" We replied quietly, "No, never." "I am surprised at what you declare," he said. "Look at all the victories Hitler has won. Do you not know the Scriptures? What are your reasons for saying what you have said?" We replied that our sole and sure argument is and will be the eternal law of God. We are sure that mud is a very treacherous foundation to build on. During all of this conference, a military officer was present and made notes.

'Friendship' Exposed

Soon the Nazis made us realize the true meaning of their boasted friendship. They ordered us to put notices on the doors and windows of our churches saying no Jews would be admitted. They ordered us to link up our support of the poor with their "Window Help." We were not allowed to do any charitable work except through their official agencies. They forbade us to hold meetings where more than 20 persons were present without their consent. They wanted the names and addresses of our deacons and elders and of the members of our committees. They demanded copies of the financial reports of our churches and all their organizations. They also demanded that their agents should be admitted to our business meetings.

The Council of our Baptist Union drew up a statement of our beliefs. Loyalty to Christ forbids us to tolerate interference from any side whatever. Our members were urged to carry on their work as far as pos-

us in most instances. We have been able to rent lodge halls, women's club buildings, and Seventh Day Adventist church houses, in which to hold services until houses of worship can be erected. We are trying to properly represent our Lord and Saviour by locating our new churches in strategic places and building houses in which the saint or sinner need not be ashamed to enter and worship.

A year ago, pastors could not be secured for our churches and at one time within the last 12 months fifty per cent of our churches were pastorless. We had to stop organizing them. We did as Jesus commanded in Matthew 9:37-38 and now every church has a pastor and we have an adequate list of pastors waiting to come west and help us.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: J. W. Steen, Florence; Don Jones, O. M. Benton; Martin M. Miller, Edinburg; H. C. Stringer, Jackson; Rev. W. L. Holcomb, Forest; Mrs. M. P. Collins, Mrs. J. V. Gates, Mrs. Sam Mennis, Mrs. J. M. Evans, Jackson; H. G. Street, Clinton; E. B. Seale, Jackson; Mrs. R. B. Crisler, Flora; Capt. and Mrs. J. N. Reaben, McComb; L. J. Lowe, Laurel; Rev. C. A. Webb, Bogalusa, La.; Rev. C. S. Thomas, Jackson.

Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor emeritus of the Baptist Standard of Texas, who recently underwent a major operation, continues to improve. He will soon be removed to his home in Dallas.

sible in spite of all obstacles.

If the larger denominations had displayed such loyalty to Christ and to Christian liberty, there would have been fewer victims of the Nazis in our stricken Holland. Before the war the Nazis won two seats out of 100 in the lower house of our parliament. This would indicate that 2% of the people sympathized with the Nazis. Nearly all of these pro-Nazis belonged to the larger denominations of our country. During the war the followers of Hitler increased to 7% of the population. There were never more than 25 Baptists who became followers of Hitler. In a membership of over 6,000 this represents only four out of a thousand!

German Baptists For Nazis

At first the Nazis did not pay much attention to us. This was due in part to the fact that we were a minority. But there was another reason. The Nazis regarded the Baptists as their friends in Germany, and it was assumed they would be friendly in Holland. Some of the Baptist leaders in Germany had openly proclaimed their admiration of Nazi principles. And these leaders who were in Hamburg when the war broke out, and who returned to us at the beginning of the war, told us that with few exceptions their professors and fellow students made life very uncomfortable for them the last few months of their stay in Germany because they refused to accept Nazi views.

Other Churches Oppose Baptists

The Baptists have always been isolated in our country. We need not say anything about the Roman hierarchy. *Semper eadem*. But the Dutch Reformed and the Calvinistic Reformed churches and some of the smaller bodies have ever stood aloof from us. They regard us as sectarian. They think we have the spirit of the Anabaptists (re-baptizers). "We do not mind that you baptize as you do. But we cannot forgive you for baptizing again those whom we have baptized," said a theological professor of the Calvinistic Reformed Church in a conversation I had with him recently. Even in communities where the Baptists wield great influence as in the northern and north-eastern districts of Holland, the Calvinistic Reformed Church more than the others, avoids contact with us as much as possible. . . .

One conclusion is this: Unless the Baptists of England and America cooperate with each other and with the Baptists of the world in distributing relief to suffering Baptists in our smashed and flooded country, we are not likely to get our share of relief. We would not deprive others of food and clothing that may be sent by people with loving and generous hearts. But we plead that our Baptist people may not be neglected.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1 Cor. 13:8

"We preach Christ Crucified." I Corinthians 1:23.

I

If we would experience the fruits of soul-winning, if we would get victory in civic righteousness, if the churches would have power with God and man we must go to our knees in prayer and stay there until HIS POWER is ours! He promises the backing of His authority, Matthew 18:18-20! He promises power in Acts 1:8. This power has to do with witnessing unto Him, however! This power has to do with teaching all nations, baptizing, et cetera. There was a day when the forces of evil were afraid of the church forces of righteousness. They are afraid today but maybe not as much as they were! Possibly the reason is that the churches do not have in full measure Heaven's power!

Second, if we would grow in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52), we must put Jesus first, that means put sin aside! That means self dethroned and Jesus enthroned! It means Christ instead of ego! It means the spirit of unity, love and loyalty instead of division, hate and indifference!

Third, it means passionately preaching Christ and Him crucified. People will hear of Him from the pulpit, in the classroom, before the group in school, in the shop and other places.

Fourth, we must have a spiritual, constructive, aggressive, victorious New Testament church life. What tragedy when His church is indifferent, defeated, weak, worldly, lazy, divided, sinful and inactive. His church should be dominant, progressive, busy, spiritual and victorious always. Among other things this will mean a well planned church life, program, plan of action, plan of procedure, or call it what you will. The members will not only find time for it but will enjoy giving themselves to it! "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it." Ephesians 5:25.

Fifth, Christians as a part of such great life will conduct themselves as Christians in their business and profession, at work and at play, in school or in church, in politics or in religion, while voting at the polls or in the legislature, and by day or by night!

II

"Ye must be born again." John 3:7. Jesus realized if men were to live differently, they must be made over, they must have a new constitution. They must have the life of God.

Paul knew the same thing as he wrote, "And such were some of you." These were thieves, drunkards and such like, "but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified," et cetera.

Paul is again thinking of the same thing when he writes to the Ephesians, "wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world," but now, "God hath raised us up together," et cetera. Ephesians 2:1-10.

We believe in just laws, law enforcement, Sabbath observance, et cetera. Those who know us know where we have stood through the years and where we now stand in these matters. There we expect to continue to stand.

We wonder sometime if all of us realize the futility in expecting to see unregenerate men in municipal and legislative halls pass and support laws that are the by-products and fruits of regenerated beings. We would not lessen the effort toward proper legislation and enforcement, but without hesitation we certainly would increase the effort in soul winning back in the home communities so that more regenerate individuals might make themselves felt. Some of these days we yet hope to see Baptists straitened out in a perennial as well as periodical soul winning efforts in which multitudes will be born again and thus brought into the family of God. Galatians 3:26. Until this we do we will largely work with clay!

III

As a boy we repeatedly heard the adage, "Whatsoever your hands find to do, do it with all your might." We have found it rather easy to put our heart into each campaign that came along as our help was asked. As a pastor we believed in all the work. We now believe in all the work! We believe in it as the work of Christ and His great cause for which these institutions stand. We believe in the workers. That does not mean we think them perfect. We are not perfect, they are not perfect, and, excuse us, you are not perfect! Usually, with a disappointing exception here and there, they are sympathetic, co-operative and understanding!

Jesus worked with a group that contained a Judas Iscariot, the traitor! Had Jesus acted as some of us act sometimes, He would have thrown overboard the group because it contained this traitor. None of our work so far as we know and believe is supported by a leader so weak and vicious as was Judas Iscariot. Yes, we find it easy to go all out for His work! Occasionally an institutional leader "hedges" in cooperating 100 per cent with this office, but we always hope they will eventually come through. Usually they do. Hope is a great thing. It helps to keep us going. Mississippi Baptists are on the March! We march with them!

IV

Hinds-Warren Association held an excellent Sunday school associational organizational meeting at Calvary church Tuesday night. A number of the churches and pastors were represented and present. A strong organization was effected. Miss Madison had worked diligently at this task, Mr. Tillman presided, Secretary Williams pointed the way, Dr. Haworth set forth some challenges, and we had the privilege of presenting some opportunities.

Poplarville Baptist Church dedicated a lovely parsonage, making a great day on Wednesday of it. Small wonder Dr. and Mrs. Chastain are happy in their new work. The people and former pastors were also in excellent spirit.

The Baptist Training Union in Arcola sponsors a monthly church night. A large congregation was present. We had the privilege of bringing a message and showing pictures. After making the House of Worship beautiful, the saints redecored the parsonage, making it comfortable and lovely for Pastor J. W. T. Siler and his family. It was good to be with these friends

again.

We journeyed to Marshall county with Drs. D. M. Nelson, H. M. Harris and A. A. Kitchings for Mississippi College emphasis in that association. Dr. Nelson spoke at Holly Springs, Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor. Dr. Kitchings spoke at Byhalia, Rev. R. O. Bankston, pastor. Dr. Harris spoke at Potts Camp, Rev. A. B. Jones, pastor. We had the privilege of speaking to the saints at Slayden, Rev. R. O. Bankston, pastor. In the afternoon at a mass meeting at Holly Springs, the association not only accepted the suggested quota but added about \$700 to it. That really is the spirit of Victory! There are some strong laymen and fine pastors in this association. District Pastor Chairman J. B. Parker added to the meeting by his presence.

V

Dr. A. N. Boone is the author of a very fine booklet bearing the title, "Entering and Living the Christian Life." From one to nine copies cost ten cents each. They may be ordered from your Book Store.

VI

A FRIENDLY CHAT WITH THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

Dear Friends:

I have no plea to make on my own behalf. I am enclosing a leaflet containing very much of the WORD OF GOD ON STRONG DRINK. The Bible is consistent in its testimony pointing out the dangers and evils of strong drink. I trust this may be strengthening and refreshing to you as I know it has been to myself and others.

Second, allow me to thank you for the serious consideration you are giving this subject. You sit as a great body and certainly you know the thing that is right and best for the children born and yet unborn—for the men and women of Mississippi today and tomorrow. While I implicitly believe the testimony of the Word of God in this and other matters, I find this Word supplemented by multiple experiences. I have seen an elderly man knocked down by a car in the hands of a drunken driver. The man died on his way to the hospital. I have known a car in the hands of a man incapacitated by strong drink to kill a mother, the baby in her arms falling on the fender between the light and the hood of the car, and that man driving half way across the city with the helpless baby lying in that position. Surely Mississippi is for better things than that.

I am not trying to put you or anybody else on the spot, but in doing my work I drive from 36,000 to 40,000 miles a year in this State, and I may modestly say that I believe I know a little bit about what the people are thinking and need.

Still, you may forget my voice in the matter, but I plead with you to HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD as caught and presented in the enclosure.

Blessings upon you.

Yours in Service,

D. A. McCall.

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THE WORD OF GOD ON STRONG DRINK

"Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar." Romans 3:4.

DEDICATED

by

D. A. (Scotch) McCall, D.D.

To That Large Group of Defeated and Near Defeated Men
Who Are Not Living The Victorious Life
They Really Want To Live

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Corinthians 10:13.

Whose words will you believe? The words from God, or the words from men? Who knows best? Who can take the long look all the way to the end? Who alone knows how it is all going to turn out? GOD! or men?

HEAR WHAT THE WORD OF GOD DECLARES TO BE TRUE!

"And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. . . . Cursed be Canaan, a servant of servants shall he be." Genesis 9:20-25. At the first mention of strong drink, it caused one of the best men of his time to get drunk. It brought a state of nakedness about. It caused a shameful scene. It brought a curse upon the family.

Again the Word of God speaks: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1. Men say it is all right. God says it "laughs at you." God says it is like a destructive raging fire, or storm. Men say it is good for the brain. God says wise people do not fool with it. Do you believe God, or men?

Again the Word of God speaks: "Be not among wine bibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. . . . For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit . . . and increaseth transgressors among men. . . . Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yet thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst

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FEBRUARY 10 IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, February 10, has been designated as Southwide Stewardship Day. In Mississippi the day is to be observed by putting added emphasis on tithing. The two go hand in hand. We have always found tithers to be good stewards and good stewards to be good tithers.

We hope that every pastor will make the most of this opportunity to give added emphasis to Stewardship.

Tithing is scriptural, so those who refuse to pay God His tenth are going to have a hard time explaining their actions when they stand before God.

If the Bible contained nothing about tithing I should want to tithe for as a blood-bought Christian, I want to do those things that honor my Lord. Tithing does that.

We hope that selfishness does not rule our life, but we do want all available blessings and tithing brings blessings both temporal and spiritual. This is well expressed in Proverbs 3:10: "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

And Malachi 3:10 promises extra blessings to the tither, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Someone has aptly said, "Tithing was commenced by Abraham (Genesis 14:18-20). It was continued by Jacob (Genesis 28:22); it was confirmed by Moses (Lev. 27:30-32); it was commanded by Malachi (Mal. 3:8-10) and commended by Jesus (Matt. 23:23)."

Any plan with such a history and such a recommendation should have the whole-hearted

support of every Christian.

Certainly blood-bought Baptists who experienced salvation should want to do as much as the Jews who lived under the law.

25 YEARS AGO IS BACK

The popular feature, 25 YEARS AGO, which was discontinued during the war because of paper and manpower shortage, returns to our columns beginning with this issue.

Watch for this feature for reminders of your friends and acquaintances of 25 years ago.

CONSULT YOUR PASTOR

Why do not church members consult their pastor more? Ministers want to be of help along these lines. Yet we find the members hesitating. In my experience few call on the minister in times when they need advice and guidance.

We answer this in this way: First they feel that the minister might use their case as an illustration in a sermon, but pastors rarely do this where it will be personal. Then we feel that the members think the pastor would be appalled at their sins, but pastors know and sympathize. We wish to urge church members everywhere to go to their ministers for advice as well as comfort. No one in your acquaintance will be more sympathetic, or will hold your secret closer than your pastor. We write this for we have had many pastors say they announce a conference hour, but it is ignored.

PARENTAL INTERFERENCE DANGEROUS

In the discussion regarding juvenile delinquency often much criticism is heaped upon the generation accused of being "delinquent." But it remains for Don Jones, pastor at Benton, who writes a column in the Flora Outlook, one of the county papers in Mississippi, to give some startling facts that seem to us to get rather close to the underlying principles in the matter. We quote from the columnist:

Recently I had talks with two boys who lived in the territory of the churches of which I am pastor. Each of them expressed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior from the penalty of sin. One was ten, the other eleven years old. They both impressed me with their sincerity and understanding. They both promised to make a public profession of their faith in Jesus at the close of the service the next Sunday.

That Sunday was approached by this preacher with anticipation, for there is nothing greater than a young person being saved be-

fore he has a chance to live in mature, adult sin.

Only one of the boys was present at the service. During the invitational hymn he remained in his place. I was disappointed, but remembered how hard it was for me to break loose and publicly declare faith in Christ. I attributed the boy's failure to make a confession that morning to the natural embarrassment boys of his age feel in going in front of a large group of adults.

After the service he came down to the front and told me that his folks had advised him to wait before making any public acceptance of Christ.

The next week the other boy was on the street when I passed by. I asked him why he did not come and profess Christ in church that Sunday as he had said he would. This lad told me that his mother told him not to go to church and confess Christ that day. She did not want him to do it.

The experience with these two fine young fellows hurt me deeply. But the hurt feeling in my heart will never compare with the anguish of the parents if these boys drift away from God into sin. To discourage our children from making known their faith in Christ, being baptized and joining the church where they can gain spiritual strength is simply inviting the forces of evil to snatch them away. Their parents considered these boys old enough to be influenced by moving picture shows, other companions, trashy comic books, etc. But when it came to making up their minds about accepting the love and salvation God offered them, they did not consider them old enough to "understand what they were doing."

OTHER DENOMINATIONS SEEK FUNDS

The following Religious News Service press dispatch indicates that other denominations are interested in their colleges as well as Mississippi Baptists. And the amount of \$637,000 which is the present goal of the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign is modest, indeed, compared with the goal of North Carolina Methodists which is \$2,075,000.

Raleigh, N. C.—The cabinet of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and the Methodist College Advance Advisory Committee at a meeting held here selected October as the month for soliciting funds in a drive to raise \$2,075,000 for building improvements and endowment at five Methodist colleges in North Carolina.

A DARK PICTURE

According to the Sunday Guardian 12 major denominations in the Federal Council of Churches have closed 2,500 churches each year for the past ten years and lost 154,139 members per year. From 1934 to 1943 here is the true picture of retreat:

Northern Baptist, loss14%
Disciples of Christ, loss12%
Episcopal, loss19%
Lutherans, loss9%
Methodist, loss13%
Presbyterian, U. S. A., loss 19%
Congregational, loss20%

During the same period Southern Baptists registered a gain of more than seven per cent.

But our gains in Sunday school enrollment were not equal to our gains in church membership. In 1934 the Sunday school enrollment was approximately 72 1-4 per cent of the church membership while in 1943 the Sunday school enrollment, although seven per cent greater than in 1934, was only 60 6-100 per cent of the church membership.

Our Sunday school workers from the highest Sunday School Board employee down to the most humble Cradle Roll teacher are doing a good job. But for some reason we are not reaching as large a percentage of our people today as we did in 1934.

Let everyone of us ask ourselves the question, "What can I do to help?" And then be doers of the answers and not questioners only.

BEWARE OF FASHIONS

After World War I there was a back wash of evil which drained over and through us. The roar of the same flood is now being heard. Before, it took the course of daring dress among women. Short dresses, brief bathing suits and thinly clad styles set the pace. Now we read of women being in for styles which will cause those after War I to blush.

These styles are not being fashioned by mothers at home, but by those whose morals are evidently different to those who set the pace of the Christian life. We realize we are raising our voice against a mighty flood, namely, the tendency of folks to want to be in fashion; but if being in fashion means emphasizing the body and unduly exposing it, then we cry at the pitch of our voice! Then if our voice is not heard we can only say to our women folk that when they are insulted, to mainly blame the fashion they followed, not the man.

C. E. Welch, pastor, Central church, Memphis, Tenn., and a Mississippian, is in New York City engaged in revival meetings. He has preached in Calvary, Windsor Avenue and Belrose churches in the city and also in First church, Hackensack, New Jersey, and Evangel Baptist in Newark. He writes that it is a glorious privilege to preach Christ in the great metropolitan area.

Rev. John S. Morgan has helped increase the subscription list of The Baptist Record by sending a nice list from Long Creek church, Lauderdale Association.

"Fourteen hundred people at prayer meeting? Impossible!" you exclaim, but John E. Huss, pastor of Latonia church, Covington, Kentucky, does it. He tells about it in his book "The Hour of Power." The book has been so popular that it is now in its second edition. It is a thrilling story of achievement and gives workable plans which will produce similar results elsewhere. Orders should be sent to the publisher, the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The price is \$1.25.

Atlanta—William Daniel Barker, Sr., 52, superintendent of Georgia Baptist Hospital here and for many years a lay leader in Southern Baptist circles died at his home Monday.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. Warren Woolf of Atlanta; a son, Corp. William D. Barker, Jr., now stationed in Germany; his father, three sisters, Mrs. Lula Spiers and Miss Edna Barker of McNeill, Miss., and Miss Sue Barker of New Orleans; and five brothers, Charles of Tylertown, Miss., R. G. of Nashville, Ark.; Francis of McNeill, and Frank and Hansel of Atlanta.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Rev. Charlie A. Webb, who went from the pastorate at Flora into the chaplaincy and was recently discharged, has been called as pastor of the Superior Avenue church, Bogalusa, La. Charlie is a Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College. He succeeds another Mississippian, Rev. H. E. Hellen.

Dr. J. F. Plainfield, twenty years a missionary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is retiring. Since May, 1926, Dr. Plainfield has served Southern Baptists as a missionary to his own people, the Italians, as well as to other foreign groups. Although retired and, with Mrs. Plainfield, living at Pioneer Park, Cleveland, South Carolina, he will continue to fill engagements on evangelism and missionary endeavors.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 2—Miss Tommye Nelson, Birmingham, Ala., has recently been elected president of the Alabama Club at Blue Mountain College. The other officers are: Vice-president, Bonnie Christian, Bessemer, Ala.; secretary-treasurer, Laurella Owens, Clanton, Ala.; social chairman, Mary Cook, Gadsden, Ala., and program chairman, Sue McGinty, River View, Ala.

100,000 Southern Baptist Convention Sunday school officers and teachers are estimated to have attended associational Sunday school meetings on January 22. An estimated half million are expected to attend Sunday school planning meetings held in Baptist churches first two weeks in February.

Main Street, Hattiesburg: Tithes and offerings last Sunday, January 31, were: Budget, \$1002.45; specials, Mississippi College, \$7.00; building enlargement, \$11.10; Foreign Missions, \$96.00; World Relief, \$15.00; total, \$1131.55. Tithes and offerings for the month: Budget, \$4460.43; specials, \$647.25; total, \$5107.68.

Mississippians will read with interest the following item clipped from the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist paper: "The First Baptist Church of Shelby presented Dr. Zeno Wall with a new automobile for a Christmas present, we learn from the bulletin of another church. It was a splendid way to show appreciation of Dr. Wall, who has been pastor there for many years."

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE Clinton, Mississippi February 25-28, 1946

Program

Monday Afternoon, February 25
D. A. McCall, director of evangelism, presiding.

Luther Harrison, song director.
Miss Earline Blocker, soloist.
Mrs. Jas. H. Street, pianist.
2:30—Let Us Sing and Pray.

3:00—We Face the Future—John Newport, Clinton.

3:30—Soul-Winning—H. B. Benton, Taylorsville.

4:00—Revivals—L. W. Ferrell, Jackson.

4:30—Let Us Sing and Pray.

4:40—Conviction, Contrition, Confession—E. L. Byrd, Meridian.

5:15—Baptism and Evangelism—B. Frank Smith, Magnolia.

5:45—Adjournment.

Monday Evening

7:00—Let Us Sing and Pray.

7:30—Message—Glen E. Wiley, Grenada.

8:10—Let Us Sing and Pray.

8:30—Message—Norman W. Cox, Meridian.

9:10—Adjournment.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Morning

9:30—Let Us Sing and Pray.

9:40—Chester Molpus, W. S. Hardin, Harry Leland Martin.

10:10—Let Us Sing and Pray.

10:20—Message—C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis.

11:20—Let Us Sing and Pray.

11:30—Message—Robert G. Lee, Memphis.

12:30—Adjournment.

Afternoon

2:15—Let Us Sing and Pray.

2:30—Evangelistic Preaching—Wallace Bassett, Dallas.

3:30—Let Us Sing and Pray.

3:40—(Bassett continues).

4:40—Adjournment.

Evening

7:15—Let Us Sing and Pray.

7:35—Message, Robert G. Lee, Memphis.

8:35—Let Us Sing and Pray.

8:45—Message—C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis.

9:45—Adjournment.

D. A. McCALL, Director of Evangelism
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST
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MUSIC DIRECTOR PRAISED

Approximately 1,200 people were touched in the recent Marion county school of music held in the East Columbia church, by Luther A. Harrison, Mississippi Baptist music director.

In addition to the gatherings at the church, the music director filled eight appointments with school and civic groups both in the town and communities. In evaluating the week, Jesse A. Davis, superintendent of the Sunday school at East Columbia wrote, "Brother Harrison brought us a rare treat in song and words. His pleasing personality, musical ability and Christian attitude made an indelible impression for good on those with whom he came in contact."

Total cash receipts of \$4,526.751 were reported by the Sunday School Board in 1945, a gain of \$368,868.89 over 1944. Dr. T. L. Holecomb reports.
The building fund of the First church, Philadelphia, now amounts to \$44,683.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again." Proverbs 23:20-35. Men say it is all right. God says we are not to even be among those who participate. God associates it here with gluttony, adultery and bodily hurt. Men say it is all right. God says "at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Who is right? Who knows best? An Omnipotent God, or some puny business or professional man?

Again, the Word of God leaps out at us: "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them . . . they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of His hands. . . . Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put sweet for bitter and bitter for sweet. . . . Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink." Isaiah 5:11, 12, 20, 22. God Almighty says it is not well for the "Smart Alex" who brags about how much wine he can "put under his belt and still walk a straight line."

A stalwart sets us an example: "And Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with . . . the king's wine." Daniel 1:8.

Shouts the Word of God at the false leader of the people: "If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and strong drink, he shall even be the prophet of this people." Micah 2:11. Yes, occasionally a preacher, a priest, a prophet, will defend liquor. That does not take God by surprise. Long ago He said it would be so, but God adds, the false religious leader is lying. He is the kind of preacher a corrupt people want.

The Word of God is not through on the subject, for listen, "Yea, also, because he transgresseth by wine, neither keepeth at home, and cannot be satisfied. . . . Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity. . . . Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, and putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also that thou mayest look on their nakedness." Habakkuk 2:5, 12, 15. Someone says, "It is nobody's business but my own, if I want to give a neighbor a drink of liquor." God Almighty says, "Look up, man. Look up, woman. I have something to say about the creature I made." You will stand before God some day in judgment. Will you take your liquor bottle with you? Do you then want your breath laden with the odor of liquor?

What says the Word of God from the New Testament?

"Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, . . . not in strife and envying." Romans 13:13, and, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." Romans 14:21.

The Word of God dares to say to us: "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." I Corinthians 5:11.

The Word of God declares that the drunkard along with other unrighteous persons will not be saved. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God." I Corinthians 6:9-11. Have you been "born again," "through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?"

The Word of God makes it clear, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19-21.

God's Word insists that God is very careful about His housekeeping: "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they that are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Revelation 21:27.

Just one way to become fit for God's Heaven, and for companionship with Jesus, namely, "And the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.

"Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole,
I want Thee forever, to dwell in my soul.
Break down every idol, Cast out every foe,
Now wash me, And I shall be whiter than snow."

WHAT THE WORLD IS LOOKING FOR

The world today is looking for men who are not for sale; men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core; men with consciences as steady as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reel; men who will tell the truth and look the world right in the eye; men who neither drag nor run; men who neither flag nor flinch; men who can have courage without shouting it; men in whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep, and strong; men who know their message and tell it; men who know their place and fill it; men who know their business and attend to it; men who will not lie, shirk or dodge; men who are not too lazy to work nor too proud to be poor; men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for; men who are not ashamed to say "NO" with emphasis, and who are not ashamed to say "I can't afford it."

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Woman's Missionary Union

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ANOTHER APPEAL FOR ITALY

Again a most pathetic appeal comes through Mrs. Dewey Moore that we continue to send the boxes to individual Baptists in Italy. Especially needed are winter clothes and food but no coffee can be included. Mrs. Moore of course is hoping that individuals and organizations will continue to send to the Italians whose addresses have already been secured but she always says that if boxes are also sent to any one of the Baptist preachers "they will divide the goods with equity and will also make contacts which may prove valuable." It is also noted by Mrs. Moore that practically none of these 24 preachers (write W. M. U. Department, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss., for names and addresses of preachers) have thus far received boxes and thus it stands to reason that Baptists in their communities have received little if anything.

Mrs. Moore has notations by the pastors' names—such as:

1. The last two names on this list are of exceptionally promising young preachers. They are very needy.
2. In desperate need. Fifteen families of church bombed out.

3. Practically whole church bombed out. Building ruined but being repaired.

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5. Very worthy. Need help for self and church.

Of course you know that the weight of each box can now be 11 pounds; the length must not exceed 18 inches; the girth plus the length must not be more than 72 inches. The regulation still holds that a donor can send only one box per month to the same person in Italy but there is no limit on the number of different donors for that person. Be sure to mark your box "GIFT POST."

The following information has been released by the Foreign Mission Board:

It is recommended that the pastors of our churches, the leaders of our young people's groups, and our women's organizations cooperate in collecting clean, usable clothes, shoes, blankets, etc., and forwarding them to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, New Windsor, Maryland, or Modesto, California.

The Hinds-Warren Association quota in the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign is \$200,000. Naturally, this includes the \$150,000 goal for the city of Jackson. That leaves \$50,000 for Hinds county beyond the city of Jackson and Warren county. It is our understanding that Warren county has taken a quota of \$10,000. That leaves \$40,000 for Hinds county outside of Jackson. Clinton has already reached \$18,000, mostly in cash with some pledges. That leaves \$22,000 for Hinds county Baptists and their friends outside of Jackson and Clinton. This goal may be easily realized if the churches really put their hands to this great task.

The latest improvement in the facilities of the Second Baptist Church, Greenville is the installation of a church library of 175 volumes. Miss Mary Inez Warnock is librarian and Miss Dorothy Lynn Downey is assistant librarian.

Dr. Norris Gilliam, who since December, 1941, has been pastor of the Lockeland Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn., recently resigned his pulpit and has accepted the position of secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Before going to Lockeland he was director of promotion of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and circulation manager of the Baptist and Reflector.

Rev. L. G. Sansing, who recently went from Brandon to Booneville to become pastor of First church, writes on his arrival he found a well filled pantry, a refurnished parlor and that the people have been very cordial and helpful.

On Friday evening, January 18, Rev. J. R. Eubanks spoke to the Brotherhood of Catchings church. This was followed by a fine oyster supper. On the program for the invocation was Rev. Van Hardin and for the benediction Rev. W. C. Graves.

Schroeder Becomes Associate Brotherhood Secretary

On April 1, Mr. George W. Schroeder will assume the duties of associate secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. Mr. Schroeder was called to the staff of the southwide Brotherhood headquarters because of the growth and development of the Brotherhood movement throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Schroeder received his B. A. degree from the Southern Illinois Normal University, and is now working on his Masters.

He served as association, division, and state president during the pioneer period of the Brotherhood movement in Illinois.

For the past six years Mr. Schroeder has served as state Brotherhood secretary for Illinois. During that time the number of Brotherhoods increased five hundred per cent while the Brotherhood became a fully established department of the Illinois Baptist State Association. The southwide Brotherhood staff now includes Judge John W. McCall, chairman of the executive committee; Lawson H. Cook, executive secretary; Hugh F. Latimer, associate executive secretary; George W. Schroeder, associate secretary.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

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- Felix Quinton, First, Weber Falls, Okla., from Muskogee.
- Vernon Hines, First, Keyes, Okla., from Afton.
- C. M. Savage, Woodland Hills Church, Atlanta, Ga., from Sylvester.
- George E. Summons, Spurgeon Mer-



MISS HELEN BOLT

Blue Mountain College Secures Student Secretary

Blue Mountain, Miss., Jan. 31—Miss Helen Bolt, who became student secretary of Blue Mountain College this month, succeeding Mrs. Amos Marston, nee Lucy Carlton Wilds.

Miss Bolt was graduated from Limestone College in South Carolina where she majored in piano and voice. She has served as educational director in churches in South Carolina and has been music director and counselor in girls' camps. She has had much experience in mission Vacation Bible schools and for several summers has helped in the vacation Bible school at First Baptist Church, Laurens, S. C., where a former Mississippian, Rev. Jewell H. Kyzar, is pastor. Brother Kyzar highly recommended Miss Bolt.

Miss Bolt comes to Blue Mountain from the college city of Anderson, South Carolina, where she served as educational director of the First Baptist Church until coming to Blue Mountain.

morial, Norfolk, Va., from Chaplaincy. Guy Magee, First, Carlisle, Arkansas from Dell.

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Tokyo—(RNS)—A new law insuring exemption from taxation and protection of property for all religious organizations in Japan has been effected as an imperial ordinance here. The law scrupulously avoids giving the government any control or supervision over doctrine or polity of the religious bodies.



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**George County WMU
Meets With Mrs. McMillan**

One of the loveliest meetings of the year was held by the women who are leaders of the George county W. M. U., at the home of Mrs. A. K. McMillan, superintendent, on January 16. Important business was transacted, including the naming of a committee on constitution and by-laws, Mrs. J. N. Williams, chairman; planning three rallies, one the last Friday in March at Barton church, one early in July at Agricola, for young people, and one at Rocky Creek in September; a discussion by Mrs. Wilborn, young people's director, on fostering the organizations and sending young members to summer camp through the help of counselors, and stressing Sunbeam work in observance of their 16th anniversary.

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Yalobusha.
Bolivar.

chairman, stressed tithing, especially teaching this work to boys and girls. She recommended that the Sunbeams be instructed to make tithing scrap books, using also Christmas cards, in books to be given crippled children and others who might get wholesome entertainment from them. These scrap books are to be put on display for the Woman's Missionary Union members to see.

Mrs. J. N. Williams, chairman of community missions, brought a helpful message, stressing three essentials in visiting: (1) Newcomers; (2) unsaved; (3) distressed.

The association voted to invite Lillian Rhodes to visit and teach the Baptist colored people, asking them to take care of her at some suitable



C. W. THOMPSON, Aberdeen
Associations:
Itawamba.
Lee.
Chickasaw.
Monroe.
Clay.
Oktibbeha.
Lowndes.
Winston.
Noxubee.
Neshoba.
Kemper.
New Choctaw.

home place.

At lunch, Mrs. G. S. Jenkins gave thanks. The women brought covered dishes and this was a bounteous feast, when spread cafeteria style, Mrs. McMillan adding hot rolls and coffee. The fellowship was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. G. L. Taylor, mission study leader, brought plans for women to accept.

The association voted to buy 10 books, each society buying two books, these to be exchanged.

Mrs. J. W. Horn, periodical chairman, urged the women to subscribe for all missionary magazines and read them.

Mrs. James R. Goff is the reporter for the group.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 2—Miss June Emerson, Memphis, Tenn., has recently been elected president of the Music Club at Blue Mountain College. The other officers are: Vice-president, Jimmie McKenzie, Greenwood; secretary, Elizabeth Kelly, Plantersville; treasurer, Blanche Ellen Darr, Georgetown, S. C.; program chairman, Barbara Ely, Itta Bena, and Bettie Jane Boland, Tralake; social chairman, Mary Evelyn Metts, Winona; and year-book chairman, Betty Jane Watts, New Orleans, La.

Dr. Houston Smith, former pastor at Collins, has resigned First church, Arkadelphia, Ark., and accepted First church, Pineville, La., site of Louisiana College.

T. E. Williams has accepted the call of Third Avenue Church, Louisville, coming to them from First Church, Irvine, Ky. (Editor's note: This is another one of our Mississippi boys and Mississippi College graduates who is making good in another state).

LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP by Evangelist John L. Bray is a booklet of sermons. Sermon subjects are: Launch Out Into the Deep; The Hope of the Christian; Heaven. The price is 15 cents and orders should be sent to the author, 1036 LaRue St., South Jacksonville, Fla.

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MRS. JOE DESMARIAS

We are happy to run the picture (above) and give the record of Mrs. Joe Desmarias (nee Lorelle Leggett) of the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Miss. She missed Sunday school on December 23 for the first time in eighteen years and for the second time in twenty years. In this picture she is wearing her attendance pin with a bar for each of the eighteen years of perfect attendance.

This is a most excellent record indeed, and we extend our heartiest congratulations to her and wish for her many other years of useful service for her Lord.

Our 1946 Program

Our Southern Baptist Sunday school program for 1946 includes a number of very definite items for each school to consider as a part of its program of work. Where possible, these items should be included in the work of the year and efforts made to reach them. The suggested activities for every Sunday school in 1946 are these:

1. Start one or more additional classes.

The enrollment in Southern Baptist Sunday schools averages ten people for each worker. Each new class could add ten people to your Sunday school enrollment.

2. Organize one or more additional departments.

Additional departments will distribute responsibility, reach more people, and increase the efficiency of your school.

3. Promote regular visitation.

Regular visitation will provide needed information, develop helpful relationships, increase attendance, improve teaching, and add to the evangelistic opportunities.

4. Establish a new Sunday school.

A new Sunday school will provide the blessings of a Sunday school for people not now being reached.

5. Have a Vacation Bible School.

A Vacation Bible school will extend Bible study privileges and increase evangelistic opportunities.

6. Begin a weekly officers' and teachers' meeting.

A weekly officers' and teachers' meeting will improve teaching and make possible regular promotion of Sunday school work.

7. Promotion an adequate training program.

A training program will provide for

the growth of Sunday school workers; improve the teaching in the Sunday school; and insure progress in all phases of Sunday school work.

8. Use the Standards.

The Standards insure unity of effort and provide a balanced program of work.

Hinds-Warren Organizes

The Hinds-Warren Associational Sunday school organization for 1946 was completed at a recent meeting in the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, attended by about 150 people from churches in nearly every section of the association. At this meeting plans were laid for the 1946 program with a view to carrying the message of better Sunday schools to all our churches.

The new organization follows: Superintendent, Mr. Owen Cooper, First Baptist Church, Jackson; associate superintendent, Rev. H. A. Milner, Van Winkle; associate superintendent of evangelism, Rev. A. S. Johnston, Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson; associate superintendent of training, Mr. M. F. Herring, Raymond; secretary, Miss Nell McElroy, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson; chorister, Rev. Percy Cooper, Southside Baptist Church, Jackson; pianist, Mrs. Percy Cooper, Southside Baptist Church, Jackson.

Group leaders are: Mr. Clinton Smith, Daniels Baptist Church; Rev. H. W. Roberson, Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg, and Rev. Thurman Booth, Terry.

These are the department leaders: Cradle Roll, Mrs. A. G. Colbert, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; Nursery, Mrs. R. A. Marston, Griffith Memorial, Jackson; Beginner, Mrs. Sidney Berry, Griffith Memorial, Jackson; Primary, Mrs. E. S. White, Parkway, Jackson; Junior, to be selected; Intermediate, Miss Rena Mitchell, Vicksburg First; Young People, Mr. Herbert Batson, Clinton; Adult, Mr. A. S. Lowe, Calvary Jackson; Extension, Mrs. S. A. Jones, Calvary, Jackson; Vacation Bible school, Rev. Owen Williams, Utica.

This is certainly a splendid organization for the association and we believe that with this good leadership we shall experience one of our best years in the work during 1946.

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FRIENDSHIP CHURCH AT KREOLE MAKES PROGRESS

Mrs. Lee Busby of Kreole writes to commend the work of Friendship church and her pastor, Rev. Jewel Golman. With an enrollment of 108 the attendance is good. The music is under the direction of the pastor.

The church has a new parsonage next to the church, and as soon as that is paid for they plan to erect Sunday school rooms.

In relating what the church has meant to her family within the last year, Mrs. Busby tells of the conversion and baptism of her 18 year old daughter and 10 year old son, the coming of her husband by baptism from another denomination in one week, and a week later another son and his wife uniting with the church. The joy of worship has been greater because the family has been able to worship together.



Department
of Church
Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

Marion county has great school of music: We have just closed one of our most successful county-wide schools of music in East Columbia Baptist Church, Jesse Davis, superintendent of Sunday school and director of campaign, Rev. L. R. Massey, pastor.

The week was spent in teaching music in schools in the daytime and a central school at night. The school was well planned and over 1200 persons were taught during the week.

I have never had better cooperation or seen a better spirit. We feel that Marion county is going in the right direction in music.

Send the names of your Brotherhood quartet and we will mail you three quartet books FREE. Do it now!

Have you tried this?

1. Having a meeting of all the men of the church and singing about two songs, then let all men sing bass to one or two songs? The pianist plays bass only. These should be easy songs, like "Shall We Gather at the River." In this way we can discover basses and tenors for our choirs. The same thing can be done with juniors in alto and tenor—we can easily carry three parts with juniors.

2. Have you tried old songs for choir specials? With some interpretation they make good choir numbers.

3. Having an evening of all music on each fifth Sunday night? Much planning and rehearsals are necessary for a successful program—spiritual singing and a short message and an invitation should bring many to Christ.

Please send to our office your "Music Information" cards. Thanks.

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MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 11—Pray for B. T. U. Revival in Wayne County, February 17 to March 1; Charlie Morgan, Convention Board Member, Liberty Association.

February 12—Miss Naomi Middleton, Bookkeeper, Baptist Headquarters; C. L. Milling, Convention Board Member, Sunflower County.

February 13—Dr. J. W. Provine, President Emeritus, Mississippi College; W. N. Taylor, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

February 14—Dr. G. E. Wiley, Convention Board Member, Grenada County; Edwin Alderman, Associational B. T. U. Director, Union Association.

February 15—Dr. Modena Patterson, College Physician, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. W. E. Gooch, Associational Superintendent, Columbus Association.

February 16—Mrs. B. L. Dildy, Bookkeeping Department, Baptist Headquarters; Mrs. Percy M. Cooper, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 1, Hinds-Warren Association.

February 17—Dr. J. D. Ray, Oktibbeha County, Convention Board Member; R. C. Woodham, Trustee, Woman's College.



REV. JAMES E. SOUTHERLAND

SOUTHERLAND CALLED TO MISSISSIPPI PASTORATE

James E. Southerland has been called as pastor of the Centerville church, according to news received this week. Friends in Mississippi will remember the new Centerville pastor as Chaplain James Southerland, formerly stationed at the Jackson Army Air Base. During his stay in this section he and Mrs. Southerland made a large place in the hearts of the Baptists as well as other denominational groups with whom they worked. Jacksonians considered him to be one of the best chaplains in the area.

A graduate of Stetson University at DeLand, Florida, and of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., he is at present completing work for his doctor's degree at the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans. He was formerly pastor at Titusville, Fla., before entering the service of his country.

Mississippi Baptists will welcome the coming of this fine family into their fellowship.

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District Pastor Homer W. Roberson reports a splendid Enlargement Campaign meeting at Meridian Friday night. Pastor Ray Dykes had everything ready and well planned. Honorable A. S. Bozeman was elected city chairman and will serve with a committee from the churches. They accepted the quota of \$31,000 as a working basis and feel it will be raised.

A Vicksburg Enlargement Campaign meeting will have been held by the time you read this. Bay Springs and Jasper county have also had a meeting. Smith County Association has accepted its quota; and word comes that Newton Association has also accepted its suggested goal. Rankin Association has a meeting slated for the third Sunday.

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First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., Dr. W. F. Powell pastor for nearly twenty-five years, enjoyed an unusually successful revival meeting January 13-20, with Dr. Duke McCall, the gifted 31-year old president of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, doing the preaching. Some thirty additions to the church during the week and several definite commitments to enter the gospel ministry or some other form of full-time religious work were the visible fruits of the meeting. The goal accepted by the church for 1946 is 750 new members. Seventy were received during January. The goal for 1945 was 500 new members, which was exceeded.

Thursday, February 7, 1946

A CATECHISM — OF — BIBLE TEACHING

By ———
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Part II. Inspiration and Authority of the Bible

11. Were the books of the Bible written by men? The books of the Bible were written by men, but these men were moved and guided by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Cor. 14:37.

12. What special proof have we that the entire Old Testament is inspired? Christ and His apostles speak of "Scripture," or "the Scriptures," as inspired by God, and we know that they meant exactly what we call the Old Testament. John 10:35; 2 Tim. 3:16.

13. Does the Bible contain any errors? The Bible records some things said by uninspired men that were not true; but it is true and instructive that these men said them.

14. What authority has the Bible for us? The Bible is our only and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

16. How ought we to study the Bible history? We ought to study the Bible as a history of providence and a history of redemption.

17. Who is the central figure of the Bible history? The central figure of the Bible history is Jesus Christ, the Hope of Israel, the Saviour of mankind.

18. What does the Bible do for those who believe in Jesus Christ? The Bible makes those who believe in Jesus wise unto salvation. 2 Tim. 3:15.

19. What does the Bible contain besides history? The Bible contains doctrines, devotional portions, precepts, and promises; it teaches us how to live and how to die.

20. With what disposition ought we to study the Bible? We ought to study the Bible with a hearty willingness to believe what it says and to do what it requires. John 7:17.

21. What great help must we all seek in studying the Bible? We must pray that the Holy Spirit who inspired the Bible will help us to understand it. Ps. 119:18; Luke 24:45.

Advanced Questions

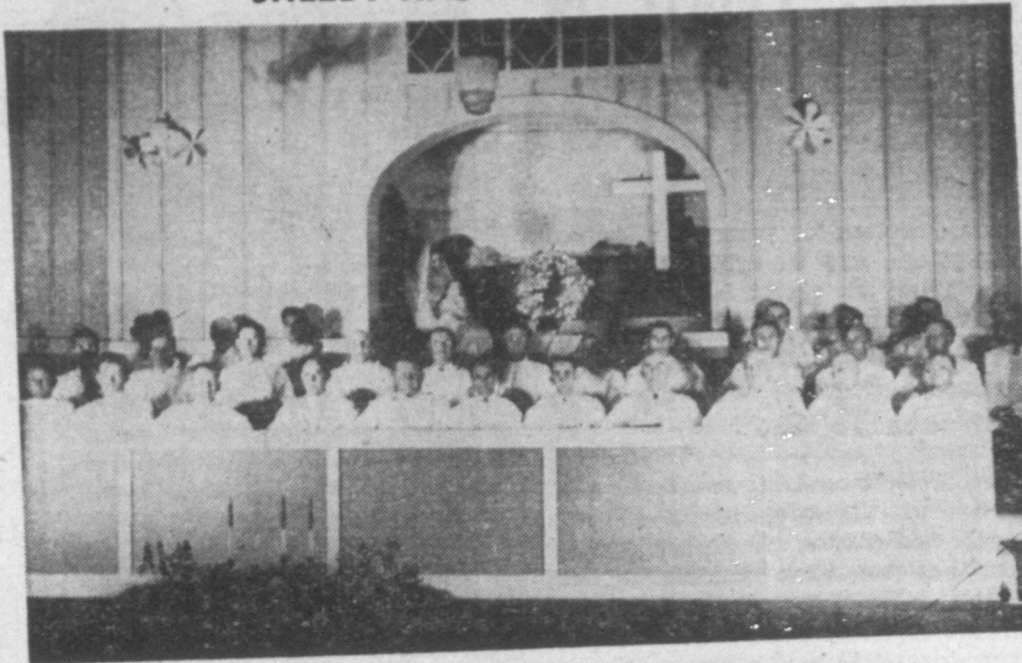
(a) How do we know that Christ and His disciples meant by "the Scriptures" what we call the Old Testament? We know from Jewish writers and early Christian writers, that those who heard Christ and His apostles would understand them to mean the Old Testament; and therefore they must have meant it so.

(b) What promise did our Lord give His apostles as to the Holy Spirit? Our Lord promised His apostles that the Holy Spirit should bring all His teachings to their remembrance, and guide them into all the truth. John 14:26; 16:13.

(c) Did the inspired writers receive everything by direct revelation? The inspired writers learned many things by observation or inquiry, but they were preserved by the Holy Spirit from error, whether in learning or in writing these things.

(d) What if inspired writers sometimes appear to disagree in their statements? Most cases of apparent disagreement in the inspired writings have been explained, and we may be sure that all could be explained if we

SHELBY HAS MEN'S CHOIR



The Men's Choir at the First Baptist Church at Shelby, Miss., is receiving much favorable comment. They sing each Sunday evening and at the morning service each first Sunday in the month. Pastor Jewett Burson is justifiably proud of such a fine group in the musical life of his church. N. L. Walker is the efficient choir director. Pictured above, at the Christmas program, they are as follows:



N. L. WALKER
Choir Director
First Church Shelby

From left to right, front row: Percy Stone, H. L. Lusinger, Jr., A. M. Lusinger, D. W. Holden, B. V. Wade, A. D. Murphree, Jr., A. H. Hardy, W. J. Toler, A. G. Summers, H. D. Causey, Clifton Smith.

Center row: C. J. Clark, W. W. Denton, Jr., John L. Slocumb, E. Lumpkin, J. E. Davis, R. B. Howard, E. W. Smith, Jimmy Wells, W. P. Rose, W. A. Doolittle, T. E. Doolittle, J. A. Clarkson.

Back row: C. M. Slocumb, Sr., C. M. McKnight, Dr. H. J. Gazelle, David Denton, F. H. Ming, L. L. Smith.

In background: Miss Mary Smith, shown in Christmas scene.

Mountain Breeze Comes From Press

Blue Mountain, Miss., Jan. 10—The winter number of the MOUNTAIN BREEZE, student publication of Blue Mountain College is off the press. Jean Anderson, Collierville, Tenn., contributed the feature article, "Facing A New Tomorrow."

Other articles were: "Getting to the Bath" and "To Be or Not to Be" by Norma Jean John, Jefferson City, Mo.; "Good Literature" by Kikuno Miyagi, Denver, Colo.; "Protective Coverings" by Ardelle Bryan, Eads, Tenn.; "Listen, My Children", "All's Fair", and "My Ritual" by Lynn Mitchell, editor-in-chief, of Atlanta, Ga.; Harriet Lowrey of Blue Mountain, contributed an article on "How to Perform a Chemistry Experiment." She also contributed a poem, "Reconciliation."

Pontotoc Centennial Plans Complete

Pontotoc—Final plans have been mapped for the observance of the 100th birthday of the First Baptist Church here next Sunday, Feb. 10.

Members of the local W. M. U. organizations will serve lunch to the

had fuller information.

(c) Is this true when the Bible seems to be in conflict with history or science? Yes, some cases of apparent conflict with history or science have been explained quite recently that were long hard to understand.

(f) Has it been proven that the inspired writers stated anything as true that was not true? No; there is no proof that the inspired writers made any mistake of any kind.

(To be Continued)

"Cathy and the Wondrous Fair Lady" and "There May Be Times" were contributed by Joyce Bolton, Henderson, Tenn.; "Think Not" by Betty Jane Boland, Tralake; "Tattered Shadow" by Allene Sugg, Bellefontaine; "The Clock" by Jeanne Hilton, Nashville, Tenn.; "Turnabout" by Betty Titsworth, Paris, Ark.; and "I, John Simon" was contributed by Jean Anderson, the author of the feature article.

"And Still Believe" was contributed by Corinne Griffin, Laurel; "A Thought I Shun" by Mary D. Leavell, Tampa, Fla.; "Arrogance," by Floris Gore, Marks; "Chains" by Ruth Sterling, Jackson; and Eleanor Langston, Starkville, contributed "Nightfall" and "Umbrella Garden."

Art work was done by Dorothy Harris and Ruth Gamble of Memphis, Tenn.

large number of guests and friends expected to attend the special day's program here.

Guest speakers for the day will be Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall of Jackson. Dr. Holcomb, a former pastor of the local church, will speak during both the morning and evening services. Dr. McCall will be guest speaker during the afternoon session of the Centennial, this to begin at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

Rev. John W. Cook, pastor of the local church, has been assisted by the following committees in planning the Centennial Day program:

General committee—Dr. M. L. Shannon, chairman; W. E. Harris and Mrs. R. L. Ray. History—Reuben S.



DR. J. W. STORER

"FREEDOM FOR ALL MEN" IS RADIO HOUR SUBJECT

Bringing to the Baptist Hour twelve years of experience in successful religious broadcasting, Dr. J. W. Storer of Tulsa will be the speaker in the broadcast next Sunday, February 10. Dr. Storer has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tulsa for fourteen years. The subject of his broadcast message is "Freedom for All Men."

The Atlanta announcement discloses that Dr. Storer is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Southern Historical Society, a 32nd degree Mason, and has many positions of trust and leadership among Southern Baptists. He has been selected from among the 22,000 Baptist preachers of the South to preach the Convention sermon at its forthcoming meeting in May in Miami, Florida.

The Baptist Hour Choir will sing in the broadcast, rendering a special number following the message, according to Mr. Lowe.

The program can be heard in Mississippi over Radio Stations WCBI, Columbus; WSLI, Jackson; WDSU, New Orleans; KWKH, Shreveport; WHAS, Louisville; WSB, Atlanta, Ga.; WFAA, Dallas, and WREC, Memphis, Tenn., 7:30 a. m.

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Word comes from one of our readers that a certain party has been in his community, posing as a convert from Jewry, claiming to be a graduate of a state university and a former student of Moody Bible Institute. "The registrar of the university informs us that no such man attended that school and Moody Bible Institute has no record of any such student. Again we urge our people: Take up with no stranger and contribute your money to no organization or movement until you have made a careful investigation. Southern Baptists have a worthwhile program for all our people and it is big enough for every Baptist dollar. Do not give to strangers that which belongs exclusively to the Lord's work.—The Western Recorder.

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Rev. C. C. Rinehart of Rt. 4, Rienzi is a good friend of The Baptist Record. He recently sent a club of subscriptions. These were from Piney Grove church, Kenp's Chapel and Jacinto churches.

Pitts, Jr., chairman; Rev. Robert L. Ray, Jr., Mrs. D. F. Lyon and Samuel Bigham. Publicity—Hersell George, chairman; J. W. Gray, Mrs. Hayden Dillard, and Mrs. W. M. Nisbet, and music—Mrs. W. E. Harris and Mrs. O. T. Ray

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E. E. LEE

Southwide B. T. U. Field Worker

Mr. E. E. Lee, for many years, popular and beloved worker among the young people in the Southern Baptist Convention, will be guest speaker "Valentine Night" February 14, at a "Sweetheart Banquet" at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. All over the south such fellowship groups of Baptist young people will be gathering, and under what better auspices could a group of young people meet than a Baptist church? The demand of Baptist youth is a high class program of social as well as spiritual life.

Miss Alene Johnson Joins Training Union Staff

We are happy to present to our Training Union constituency Miss Alene Johnson of Tiptersville, Miss. Miss Johnson became a member of our Training Union staff February 1 and will be in charge of our office in Jackson. It will be her pleasure to serve you in any way she can.

Miss Johnson was graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1944 and for two years has taught in the Chalhybeate Public schools. She succeeds Mrs. L. R. Williams, who for the past year has served most efficiently as our office secretary. January 1 Mrs. Williams transferred to the mailing department of The Baptist Record where she continues to render excellent service for the Master.

Lauderdale Leads in Convention Attendance

The count shows that Lauderdale Association led in the number attending the State Training Union Convention December 28. They had 69 coming from many parts of the county. Miss Irmogene Tucker, the associational director, is very happy over the fine response the churches gave to her urge for them to attend the convention. They went back inspired, and pledged to better work in their church and association.

Jones County Has High Average

Jones County Association has 36 Baptist churches. Twenty-eight of these have a Training Union. This is about 78% which is far above the average for the state and for the Southern Convention. Miss Bessie Purvis, educational director of West

Laurel Baptist Church is the associational director. We are indebted to her for a recent list of Training Union directors for these 28 churches. That is one way we are able to keep our mailing list corrected, and a service we appreciate very much.

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Bethesda Baptist Church Continues To Grow

By the leadership of the Lord and because of the cooperation of our church and others, we rejoice in the fact that we have completed our building, cleared away all debts, and have called our pastor, Rev. J. Glenn Flynt, to full time service.

Our church was destroyed by fire in the spring of 1942. Immediately after this loss we made plans for a new building.

Despite the handicaps that confronted us in erecting our present building, we have made marvelous strides in the material realm of our work. Again and again our people were called upon to contribute financially and as often as they were called upon they responded.

The response of our people was brought about by the consciousness of our dependence on and our need of God. Surely we see again that God has answered the prayers of His people.

During the past year approximately \$6,000 was spent in kingdom work. Again God has wonderfully blessed.

Immediately after completion of this building the church did that which was on the minds and hearts of so many for a long time by going to full time. We are happy in our full time program and are looking forward to a great year in the service of our Lord.—Mrs. Addison Dulaney, reporter.

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Myers Elected Missouri Editor

Chaplain Lewis A. Myers, Hot Springs, Arkansas, has been elected editor of the Word and Way, Missouri Baptist state paper. Mr. Myers is a Mississippian and was formerly editor of the Arkansas Baptist. He resigned this position to enter the chaplaincy. He was recently discharged from the armed service and will assume his new position on March 1.

Mr. Myers succeeds Joseph E. Brown, who was editor for several years. He gave up the editorship when the Word and Way, which was owned by Mr. Brown, was purchased by the Missouri Baptist General Association. Since January 1, Dr. T. W. Croxton, pastor of First church, Sedalia, Missouri, has rendered fine service as interim editor.

Dr. T. W. Medearis, general superintendent of the general association, reports that since the Word and Way became the property of Missouri Southern Baptists, the subscription list has grown rapidly. No doubt some of this is due to the promotion of the EVERY FAMILY Plan. With L. A. Myers as editor the circulation of the Word and Way will probably become much larger, for under his leadership the Arkansas Baptist made phenomenal gains.



REV. R. Y. GERRARD

GERRARD GOES TO MORTON

Morton Baptists are preparing a cordial reception for their new pastor, Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, and his family when they arrive February 1. The new Morton leader has been serving with signal success at the Center Terrace church in Canton, where about 50 people have been added to the church, a majority of them by baptism, during his 15 months' pastorate. Also many improvements to the church property have been made, and the missionary zeal of the people encouraged. At the present time the Center Terrace Brotherhood members are in a campaign to purchase a bus to bring more people to worship and study at the church.

While serving in Canton, the work at Lone Pine and Bethlehem churches has been carried on as Sunday afternoon appointments. Rev. Gerrard has also served as Hi-Y advisor in the Canton High school.

Morton offers a challenging field, and the church is in fine condition to go forward in a great enlargement program. Receipts for 1945 amounted to \$9,436, and they have the following funds on hand: Organ fund, \$1,650; window fund, bonds maturity value, \$400; building fund (bonds), \$2,500; building fund (cash), \$1,096; Library book fund, \$1,000.

Rev. Gerrard attended Mississippi College at Clinton and the Southern Seminary at Louisville. The entire city of Morton will join the Baptists in welcoming their new leader. The Rev. Gerrard succeeds Rev. Ray M. Dykes, who resigned in November to accept a Louisiana pastorate.

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We have received a copy of a booklet of sermons entitled, "Simple Sermons on Salvation," by Evangelist John L. Bray of 1066 La Rue St., South Jacksonville, Fla. The sermon subjects are: So Great Salvation; The Little Fellow Who Got Saved; A Great Invitation; Salvation Through Christ. The price is 15 cents and orders should be sent to the author.

The Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign is claiming interest far and near. In one day contributions were received at the Convention Board office from Kentucky, Washington, Arizona and Alabama. In one day offerings came in from Baptists, Methodists and Reformed Presbyterians.

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Chaplains Available For Pastorates

Below we list the names, addresses, and information concerning several chaplains who are now available for pastorates.

The information given below was furnished by the Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains of the Home Mission Board.

Wm. Stillwell Jones, age 41, 1805 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, Va.; Univ. of Richmond, Th.B., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; pastorates at Narrows and Tazewell, Va.

Daniel P. Jenkins, age 44, Clearwater, S. C.; B. R. E., Baptist Bible Institute; pastorates at Clearwater, South Carolina, Willococochee, Homer, Colquitt, Ga.

Richard L. Johnson, age 39, Loanoke, Arkansas, A. B., Ouachita Baptist College; Th.B., Southern Baptist College; pastorates at Hazen, Dermott, and Loanoke, Arkansas.

E. V. Johnson, age 32, Boswell, Okla.; Cameron Aggies, Lawton, Okla.; A.B., Oklahoma Baptist Univ., Southwestern Seminary; pastorates at Bradley, Gowin Mission, Kakoshee, McCurtain and Boswell, Okla.

Thomas E. Jackson, age 32, 905 Ferris, Waxahachie, Texas; Bob Jones College, B.S., Texas Wesleyan College, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Seminary; pastorates Chattanooga, Tenn., Montgomery, Ala., Decatur, and Waxahachie, Texas.

Oluf C. Jensen, age 42, 135 W. Brooklyn, Dallas, Texas; Moody Bible Institute, A. B., Wheaton College, Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary; pastorates at Fosterburg, Ill., Montreal, Canada, and Dallas, Texas.

James Oscar Kincannon, Jr., age 29, Benton, Arkansas; A. B., Ouachita College, B. D., Southern Baptist Seminary; pastorates at Tulip, Clinton, and Bentonville, Ark., Sugar Grove, Masonville, and Hopewell, Ky.

Foy O. King, age 38, Rt. 3, Abilene, Texas; A. B., Hardin Simmons Univ., Th.M., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; pastorates at Goldsboro, Colorado City, Toyon, Sheffield, and Junction, Texas.

John G. Lambrides, age 43, 1618 Hadley St., Houston, Texas; Th.B., Eastern Baptist Seminary, Missionary Institute, New York Univ., Maryland Univ.; pastorates at Laurel and Berwyn, Maryland.

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CALVARY CHURCH IN CALHOUN COUNTY IS NUMBER 799

The newly organized Calvary church, located near Bruce in Calhoun county, has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

Rev. Percy Ray is supplying until a pastor is called. More than \$3,000 has already been paid into the building fund.

Church officers are: Eulet Nolen, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Doyle Turner, clerk; Curtis Murphree, treasurer.

Record readers in Calhoun county are now listed as follows: CALVARY 17, BETHANY 75, Big Creek 9, BRUCE 139, CALHOUN CITY FIRST 132, College Hill 4, DERMA 55, Gaston Springs 2, MACEDONIA 17, Meridian 13, Mt. Moriah 1, Oak Grove 8, OLDTOWN 16, PITTSBORO 34, PLEASANT RIDGE 17, Rocky Mountain 2, PLEASANT GROVE 15, New Liberty 6, ELLARD 25, SHILOH 46, Spring Hill 1, VARDAMAN 97, BANNER 25, CALHOUN CITY SECOND 54, Rocky Branch 5, POPLAR SPRINGS 34, VICTORY 15, Driver's Flat 1, Parker 1, ANTIOCH 18.

LEAF RIVER (PINEVILLE) ALMOST 100 PER CENT

We were invited by Pastor A. A. Jackson to teach the Sunday school study course book, "Building a Standard Sunday School," to the officers and teachers and others at Leaf River church. Although the class was held in connection with two other church events, the interest and attendance were good. The following passed the examination and now all officers and teachers of Leaf River except two have the seal for Building a Standard Sunday School: Maxine Hammons, Ernestine Hammons, Mrs. Calvin Hammons, Mrs. E. McNeil, Mrs. Felix Carr, Mrs. Curtis Wiggins, Dorothy Jean McNeil, Mrs. Wesley Lancaster, Billie Marion Carr, W. B. Gilbert, Gherson Gilbert, Flossie Mae Gilbert, Mrs. Bessie McNeil, Mrs. James McNeil.

STEEN'S CREEK (FLORENCE)

While Dr. Gunter promoted the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign at Columbus, we supplied for him at Steen's Creek. The house was well-filled and the people in high spirits. They have several thousand dollars on hand to build if and when.

Rankin county Record readers are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH 52, Barefoot 1, BRANDON 53, BRIAR HILL 46, CATO 40, CLEAR BRANCH 50, PUCKETT 41, Concord 1, COUNTY LINE 47, East Side 8, FANNIN 18, Galilee 1, Hickory Ridge 23, JOHNS 20, LEESBURG 44, MIZPAH 35, MOUNTAIN CREEK 22, OAKDALE 47, PEARSON 22, PELAHATCHIE 67, PISGAH 43, Rehobeth 3, RICHLAND 55, Rock Hill 12, STEEN'S CREEK 87, UNION 29, Whitfield 1, STAR 6,

SYMPOSIUM

State Secretaries Give Their Reaction to the Proposed Procedure for Raising 1946 Budget.

THE BEST WAY ON EARTH

Missouri—T. W. Medearis, Kansas City

Our Co-operative Program goal in Missouri for 1946 is an even half million dollars. This is not as much as it ought to be but considering the fact that a few of our large churches divide their offerings between the Conventions and in view of other conditions which belong peculiarly to Missouri, there is a definite challenge in this goal. In addition to this goal and in order to obviate the necessity for the long time practice of paralleling the Co-operative Program with another year-long program of special offerings for various institutions and interests, we are proposing to lump all the special needs into one and to raise them in one special offering in the springtime with the possibility, if the offering fails to reach the total proposed, of a catch-up special offering in the fall to assure sufficient income to take care of all these interests.

We agree heartily that the best way on earth to finance our Baptist program, statewide and Southwide, is through the Co-operative Program and the bringing of our tithes and offerings fifty-two times a year, regardless of prevailing conditions, into our churches for this purpose.

The worst threat to the Co-operative Program is that it is so abstract that with many people it fails to fire the imagination and arouse the impulse to give. We shall be wise as pastors and people to present with our total appeal the institutions and interests which we all love in our churches from time to time with the understanding that they live through the Co-operative Program. At the same time, of course, it is forever understood that churches being free and sovereign may take special offerings whenever they will for whatever objects appeal to them but such offerings will not be in the program of the denomination. Care should be exercised everywhere also lest unworthy and unauthorized agencies take advantage of these improved conditions in our churches to run in special offerings for causes entirely outside our denominational life.

Bethel 13, Liberty 15, Dry Creek 8, PEARL CITY 27.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, MARION COUNTY IS NUMBER 791

New Hope Church, Marion County, Rev. Thurman Stone, pastor, is one of the latest churches to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

(Editor's Note: Since New Hope Church adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan Rev. Thurman Stone has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Bemon, North Carolina, the home church of the Editor.)

Record readers in Marion County are now listed as follows: Cedar Grove 7, BUNKER HILL 96, Columbia 21, FOXWORTH 86, EAST COLUMBIA 51, GOSS 69, GREENVILLE 19, IMPROVE 77, KOKOMO 48, OLOH 44, Hickory Grove 8, NEW HOPE 28, Hub 2, NORTH COLUMBIA 19, Edna 1, Hurricane Creek 1.

—BR—

A second edition of Seven Simple Sermons on the Second Coming has just come from the press of the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The author is Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor, Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, New York writes as follows concerning the book: "These pages reveal that Dr. Ford is a clear and forceful preacher of prophetic truth. His messages are plainly outlined, amply documented by scripture quotations and illumined by illustration. We believe also that the book will kindle wisps of spiritual flame wherever it goes. The price is \$1.25 and orders should be sent to the publisher."

The adult department of the Training Union of Main Street church, Hattiesburg, has been setting attendance records lately. Recently for the first time the adults had more present than any other department. This is the way it should be but in very few churches do the adults outnumber the others.

Warren county met in a special meeting to start plans for promoting the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign. They voted unanimously to accept the suggested quota of \$10,000. The churches are busy working on their goals.—Homer W. Roberson, district pastor.

Blue Mountain, Miss.—Officers of the Home Economics Club of Blue Mountain College are: President, Betty Small, Laurel; Vice-President, Ida Lou Coulter, Hattiesburg; Secretary-treasurer, Elsie Keen, Ackerman; and Program chairmen, June Aurand, Memphis, Tenn., Lily Frances Hood, Houlka, and Louise Oliver, Kosciusko.



Three of the bridesmaids in the Junior-Freshman wedding recently held at Blue Mountain College. Left to right: Betty McClure, Greenwood; Lois Philpot, Holly Springs, and Barbara Shipp, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. E. S. Arnold of Enon church, Waltham county, spent Christmas in New Orleans and while she visited her subscription to the Record expired. But she lost no time on returning home in renewing, and along with her own subscription she sent nine other names and pay for same. Such friends make possible the present large circulation of The Baptist Record.

The many friends of Andrew Coltharp, Mississippian and graduate of Mississippi College, will be glad to know that the Ocean View church, Norfolk, Virginia, continues to make progress under his pastorate. From the associational letter we glean the following facts: Total gifts for 1945, \$45,171 (1944, \$32,061); average attendance at Sunday school 356 (328); Training Union 157 (94); W. M. U. enrollment 208 (166); additions 119 (108); church membership 595 (870).

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Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

MONTICELLO (LAWRENCE) ORGANIZES

Rev. D. O. Horne, pastor, joyfully reports the organization of a new Brotherhood in the Monticello Baptist Church. The officers are as follows: president, George W. Williamson, Jr.; membership vice-president, J. M. Dale; program vice-president, E. W. Clinton; activities vice-president, C. E. Barnes; secretary-treasurer, E. W. Fortenberry. Welcome to Monticello!

Silver Creek (Calvary), Lawrence county, has had a Brotherhood for some time. The Monticello organization will greatly strengthen the work in this association and will doubtless lead soon to the formation of an associational Brotherhood. Mr. Julius E. White, 410 Elmood street, McComb, is the district president in this area.

District Four



REV. WINFRED MOORE

Tupelo

The president of Brotherhood District Four is a pastor. Rev. Winfred Moore attended high school at Alamo, Tennessee. His later education was secured in Lambuth College and Union University. He was ordained by the Alamo (Tennessee) Baptist Church in 1939. He held pastorates in Tennessee during and just after college days. He came to Mississippi as pastor of the Olive Branch Baptist Church, in 1943. He has been pastor of the Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, since August, 1944. He is married and has one daughter, Elizabeth Ann, 3. Mrs. Moore, a Kentuckian, attended Murray State College (Kentucky) and Union University.

HARRISBURG (LEE)

Just as our news for this column is turned over to the editor, we receive a report of the organization of a new Brotherhood. The president of District 8, Rev. Winfred Moore, whom we present in this issue, reports the organization in the Harrisburg church, Lee County Association, of which Brother Moore is pastor.

The president of the new Brotherhood is Roland Guyton, Box 651, Tupelo. The other officers are as follows: membership vice-president, W. D. Cooley, Route 3, Tupelo; program vice-president, E. D. Bigner; activities vice-president, A. W. Price; secretary-treasurer, Curtis Limerick,

Woodlawn avenue, Tupelo.

The enrollment is 29; meetings are held on Friday night; and they will use the Journal as the basis for their programs.

We are happy in this good news!



GEO. W. SCHROEDER

GEORGE SCHROEDER TO JOIN SOUTHWIDE STAFF

The Baptist Brotherhood in Mississippi extends a most cordial welcome to George W. Schroeder as he comes to the Southwide Brotherhood office as associate secretary. His outstanding success as Brotherhood secretary of Illinois will fully qualify him for this enlarged field of Brotherhood promotion. Welcome, Brother Schroeder.

—BR—

Hospitals Offer Golden Opportunity

By Louis J. Bristow

Southern Baptists have 27 hospitals in successful operation, with 11 additional ones now being established. There are only three or four Baptist hospitals in this country outside the territory of the Southern Convention. The latest available figures indicate the Catholics have 786 hospitals with many others in prospect. The latest Catholic proposal of which I have knowledge is to be located in Hartsville, South Carolina. I was reared near Hartsville and the town was regarded as a Baptist stronghold. In November I spoke on "The Ministry of Healing" before the California Southern Baptist Convention. That body has a committee which now is endeavoring to get the Southern Baptist Convention to establish a Baptist hospital in that state. Catholics have many hospitals in California, but Baptists have none. In many places throughout Southern Baptist territory the only hospital is Catholic owned. Baptists and all others are dependent upon our Catholic friends for hospital service. That should not be. Care of the sick is a Christian obligation. Hospitals are the best institutions for such Christian ministry, and where effort has been made, money has been contributed with which to build Baptist hospitals.

Other denominations are far ahead of Baptists in the number and location of their hospitals. Moreover, those denominations which serve the people are apt to win the people.

CARTHAGE PASTOR SAYS BAPTISTS SHOULD NOT PROMOTE FOSDICK BOOKS

My dear Brother Goodrich:

I believe you will agree with me that our Mississippi Baptist pastors are intelligent Christian ministers and that we have a group of pastors in our state who BELIEVE and PREACH the whole of God's Word.

In the December (1945) edition of "Our Hope" publication there appeared the reprint of a letter written by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick. The letter, among other things, said this: "Of course I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old-fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does."

This letter is not to take issue with the statement of Dr. Fosdick but rather to ask "why," in the light of such a dogmatic stand by this New York preacher, that it becomes necessary for the Baptist Book Store in our state to exploit and display on its shelves the works of an author that are directly opposite to the principles and teachings which Baptists hold dear, i. e., New Testament teachings.

I realize that our book store is, in a large measure, a public servant, catering to the reading needs of not only our pastors, laymen and churches but to the citizens of the state as well. However, Brother Goodrich, every merchant has the privilege of offering for sale that

Fifty-two students of Southern Seminary, Louisville, are now engaged in a clinical study of religion, under the direction of Rev. Wayne Oates. The course consists of a seminar dealing with case histories of maladjusted persons, in which moral, mental, and psychosomatic diseases of personality are studied clinically. In connection with their studies, the students work in the Baptist Hospital, the Juvenile Court, General Hospital, and the Central State Mental Hospital.

which he believes is in the best interest of all the people and I am quite certain that our book stores are not compelled to offer such books for sale when Baptists do certainly not believe, preach, talk or even think in the same vein as Dr. Fosdick.

Our book stores throughout the southland have done and are doing a marvelous job of supplying our pastors and people with the material we, as Baptists, need and desire but I feel that this is just a little bit too much for this Baptist preacher to swallow. As a customer of our Book Store it certainly "goes against the grain" to see Fosdick's books on the same shelves with authors like Truett, Lee, Campbell, Carrol and other good and true Baptist authors and even though other pastors may not call this matter to your attention I believe I am speaking the thoughts of the majority of them.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM POTTER,

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THE NEED OF THE HOUR
Rev. Jesse S. Dorroh
Vardaman, Miss.

Text: Acts 2:4. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

I—An Urge Like Jeremiah's—Jer. 20:9. There are three things that we would like to emphasize about Jeremiah.

1. He was God-called. He was God's man with a mission in the world. God spoke to him, and commanded him to go down to the potter's house and hear God's word. It was there that God showed him a vessel that was marred in the potter's hand, and likened Israel unto it. And said go tell Israel that my people are in my power, and that I can do with them as I please, and except they repent, and return to the ancient paths from which they have stumbled, I will make them desolate, and they shall become a perpetual hissing, and everyone that shall pass by shall wag his head in astonishment.

2. He was obedient unto God. Jeremiah delivered God's message to his people. But they were enraged, and smote him with their tongues, and heeded not his words. Then he cried unto the Lord, and said: "Lord shall I be rewarded evil for good?" The Lord said, "take a potter's earthen bottle, and gather the ancients of the people, and the ancients of the priests in the valley of Hinnom, and break the bottle in their sight, and say thus will the Lord break this people and this city." But when Jeremiah did this, they were furious and cast him in the stocks, but he reaffirmed the message, and was silent. But they came and challenged him to speak some more, daring him, and making sport of him. They even reproached him with the words he had spoken to them from the Lord. Then Jeremiah said, "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His name. But His word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay."

3. He loved his people. Jeremiah saw his people about to be destroyed; he knew their tragic sins, and their spiritual blindness, and even though they were his enemies, and sought to destroy him and to remove him out of their way, he realized their eternal doom, and their deception, and could not stand idly by and see them perish. He had their one great need committed to him of God, and to fail would be to become guilty for their souls. He had too, the spirit of the living God, and the anxiety of his soul for his people, and to hide the message of God in his own heart was more than he could bear; he was compelled to speak. Paul had an urge like that. He said "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

II—A Passion Like Paul's—Rom. 10:1 9:1-3.

A passion like Paul's is one of our greatest needs today. He was ready to spend and to be spent for the glory of God in the salvation of His people, and not only for Israel but for the race. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." And again, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." O for a passion like that in the hearts of his people. Not in the

Dr. Noel M. Taylor, Marion, has been elected general secretary in Illinois to succeed Dr. E. W. Reeder, who will retire on March 10. F. R. Sawyer, Salem, Illinois, layman, has been elected to succeed George Schroeder as Brotherhood secretary.

preacher's alone, but in the heart of every saved soul. That is the great need now, and we shall have that greatly needed passion when we look through the eyes of Jesus as His soul was moved with compassion for the multitude which he saw as sheep scattered and without a shepherd, exposed to all the dangers of the destroyer. There is no wonder that there followed in the wake of Paul's ministry a multitude of believers who were hazzarding their very lives for the sake of Christ and His gospel. With Paul, they counted not their own lives dear unto themselves that they might win Christ, and they were approved of Christ, and performed mighty works for Him, and witnessed for Him everywhere under great trials. No wonder Paul said to a group of these his children whom he had begotten by the gospel "Ye are my joy." Oh if more people knew the soul-winner's joy.

III—A Message Like Peter's—Acts 2:14 40.

A message like Peter's on the day of Pentecost is a third great need in this our day. One that is inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God. But an experience like that is only possible when one is given completely into the hands of God; emptied of everything that is selfish and of a depraved earthly nature. Brother can you meet that requirement? Can God accomplish His will through you today just as He accomplished His will on that day when the Holy Spirit came? He is still here. God help us to receive Him. He gives boldness and power. Take one look at Peter on that tragic night of the betrayal; he is a different man now. He is able to stand and defy every opposition with such power as was never demonstrated in all his previous experience. He had the boldness to point an accusing finger into the faces of his enemies and say "you are the sinners; ye are the murderers of the Son of God. You killed Him, but He is alive, and I preach to you not a dead Saviour, but a living Saviour, and this that you see here today is that, and none other than that, the prophets foretold should be in the latter days." Another thing we notice in this great experience, was the whole band of the disciples. One hundred and twenty souls were filled with the Holy Spirit. What preacher couldn't preach in an atmosphere like that? The writer would like to have a church like that to aid him in the work of evangelism. They were ALL present, and they were ALL filled with the Holy Spirit, and they were ALL speaking the wonderful words of God so that EVERYONE was able to hear. Nationality was not regarded.

Results? Three thousand souls were saved there that day. Christian people, God's power to save has not abated. But I fear that the tools of His power are not all as willing to yield to His will as were these people. The clay seemingly is not as plastic.

God give us an urge like Jeremiah had to preach the word of God, a passion like Paul had for a lost people, and a dynamic message like Peter had backed up by churches like the company at Pentecost!

Psalms 110:3: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

25 YEARS AGO

The items below are taken from The Baptist Record of twenty-five years ago.

Pastor W. A. Hewitt says the First church Jackson began the new year with the purpose to add 300 new members this year. Already in the first month 50 have been added.

Pastor J. C. Greenoe reports 294 in the Sunday school at Vicksburg last Sunday.

At the district meeting in Brookhaven, Brother B. E. Phillips asked that a year of prayer for the 75 Million Campaign be observed sometime before the first of May.

Yesterday was a record breaking day in Charleston church. The Sunday school reported an attendance of 292—a record service. Since our pastor, J. J. Mayfield, came 14 months ago, we have had more than 165 additions.—J. R. Oakes.

We hear many nice things about Pastor J. F. Measell of Shelby. The work is progressing nicely under his leadership.

Pastor R. A. Eddleman is nicely located at Tutwiler. On the first Sunday in January there were six additions.

Fourth Sunday in January Dr. A. J. Aven filled the pulpit at the following places: Pleasant Hill at 11 a. m., Georgetown at 2:30 p. m., and Rockport at 7 p. m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

Feb. 3, 1946

	SS	BU
Tupelo, Harrisburg	194	88
Houlka, Chickasaw county	76	38
Wallierville	76	35
Cross Roads, Webster county	67	
Friendship, Kreole	59	36
Hattiesburg, Main Street	551	191
Beaumont	67	35
Booneville, First	160	
Batesville	143	59
Wellman, Lincoln county	44	66
Brookhaven, First	560	105
Centerville	155	41
Ellison Ridge, Winston county	119	
Jackson, Calvary	1,177	296
Jackson, Calvary including Stone St. Mission	1,262	
Daniel	164	75
Jackson, First	1,041	240
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	554	244
Jackson, Northside	202	89
Jackson, Parkway	490	138
Louisville	375	82
Eastside, Pascagoula	82	46
West Point	324	89
Enon, Panola	63	53
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue	209	75
Ackerman	152	
Crystal Springs	423	106
Carmel, Lawrence county	83	86
Laurel, First	512	130
Bruce	119	37
Rocky Creek, George county	92	47
West Laurel	423	120
New Albany	465	211
Newton	323	140
Center	95	45
Byram	60	61
Meridian, Fifteen Avenue	402	98

—BR—

C. H. Bolton was elected president of the Florida Baptist Convention in their meeting at Jacksonville last week. Next year, Florida Baptists will shift from the January meeting to November. Tampa will be the convention city.

IMPORTANT!

The following associations, at our personal request to Board members, have sent in to this office the names of their moderators and clerks of their respective association. This will be of great help: Alcorn, Attala, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clarke, Columbus, Copiah, Covington, Deer Creek, DeSoto, Grenada, Greene, Gulf Coast, Hinds-Warren, Holmes, Jackson, Jones, Kemper, Lawrence, Lafayette, Leake, Lebanon, Leflore, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Montgomery, Newton, Neshoba, Oktibbeha, Pike, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Rankin, Simpson, Tippah, Union County, Wayne, Yalobusha, Yazoo and Zion.

We will appreciate it if we can receive AT ONCE the names and addresses of moderators and clerks in the associations listed above. This is very necessary and important as there will be a meeting of these important officers in Jackson, April 1, Baptist Building, 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Your continued, helpful cooperation will be appreciated.—D. A. Mc.

—BR—

Miss Elizabeth Smith, Blue Mountain, has been elected president of the Classical Club at Blue Mountain College. Other officers are: Vice-president, Geraldine Lackey, Calhoun City; secretary-treasurer, Julia Mae Martin, Meridian, and program chairman, Louise Oliver, Kosciusko.

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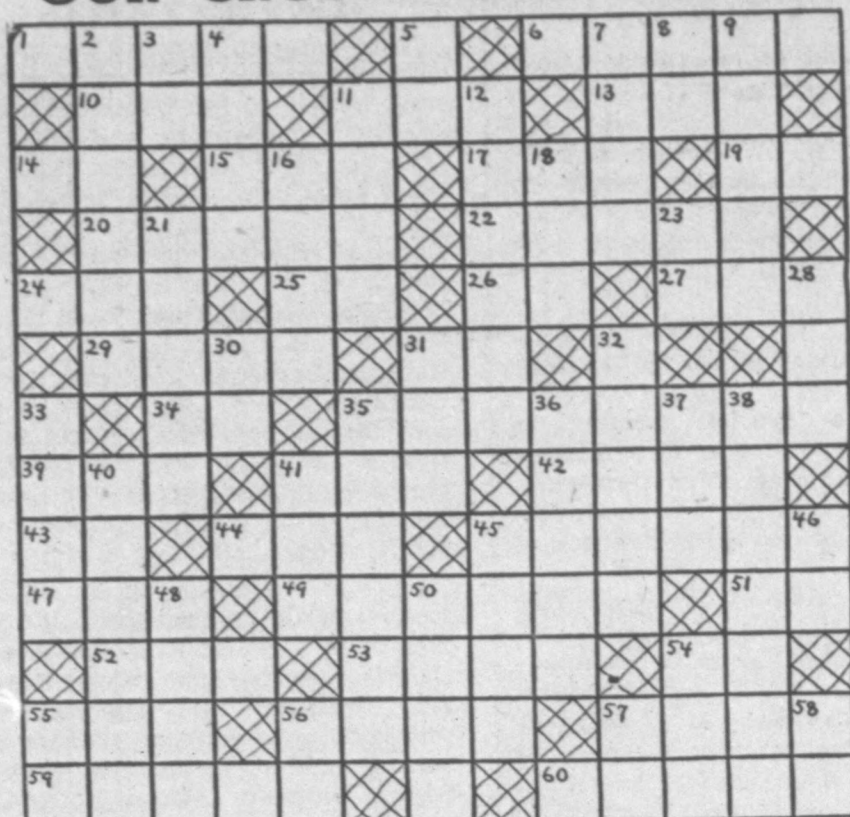
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ACROSS

- 1 "as one that findeth great . . ."
6 David's father, Ruth 4:17.
10 "created the heaven . . . the earth"
11 The Creator.
13 "And God . . . the light."

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- 14 Old home of Abraham; half of four.
15 Roumanian coin.
17 "his words were softer than . . ."
19 "I will make him . . . help meet."
20 "and . . . living creature."
22 "cattle, and creeping . . ."
24 "he took . . . of his ribs."
25 Sunday school.
26 Tensile strength.
27 "While he was . . . speaking."
29 "moving creature . . . hath life."
31 "male and female created . . . them."
34 Writing.
35 Early ripening fruit.
39 "we . . . the children of God."
41 "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He . . . made."
42 "And God . . . the firmament."
43 Note.
44 Fabulous bird.
45 Dining cars.
47 "Be fruitful, . . . multiply."
49 " . . . I have given you every herb."
51 "And . . . was so."
52 "and the Lord called Moses up to the . . . of the mount."
53 Nothing more than.
54 Worthless end of anything.
55 "and there . . . light."
56 "Art thou my . . . son Esau?"
57 "the gold of that land is . . ."
59 Lively.
60 "And the children of Israel did eat . . . forty years."
Our text from Genesis is 10, 11, 13, 20, 22, 29, 31, 41, 42, 47, 49, 51, 55, 56 and 57 combined.

DOWN

- 2 Adam was one; Eve was another.
3 Home of Joseph; preposition.
4 "found others standing . . ."
5 City of Egypt; negative.
7 Ancestor of Christ; isle (nag.)
8 Continent where Brazil is.
9 Tool used by metal workers.
11 Shop ropes.
12 Tool for making dots.
16 Formerly.
18 Monogram for Jesus.
21 Medieval tribunals in Germany; Eve is hidden here.
23 Empire State.
30 "Multiply thy seed . . . the stars."
31 "and there he put the man whom he . . . formed."
32 Splendid.
33 "Call me not Naomi, call me . . ."
35 Flower cluster.
36 Masculine name.
37 Small European fish.
38 Round angle; one grip (anag.).
40 Form of lease.
41 Addition to a fireplace.
45 Boat.
46 Paul is one.



DR. WILLIAM SADLER

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By A. L. Goodrich, Publicity Director
Mississippi College Enlargement
Campaign

Because of the need for better and enlarged facilities for the biology department, Dr. William O. Sadler, head of the department of biology, eagerly anticipates the completion of the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign.

Dr. Sadler was graduated from Mississippi College with the A. B. degree in 1929. In 1932 he was awarded the Ph.D. degree by Cornell University. In the same year he became head of the biology department. He has served as head of this department since, except during 1942-43 when he was in the navy as pharmacist's mate.

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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY
HAS RECORD ENROLLMENT

Ralph D. Churchill
Publicity Director

The final registration for the spring semester at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, shows an enrollment of 930 resident students. This constitutes the largest enrollment in the history of the institution. The total for the preceding fall term was 881. According to the registrar, Dr. S. A. Newman, Southwestern's enrollment for the school year, 1945-46, will reach the all-time high of 1200 different students. There has been a constant increase in the seminary's enrollment from 341 in 1933 to the above figures.

The present students come from 31 different states and from China, Brazil, Canada and Argentina. Every facility of the seminary is pressed beyond capacity.

Over 8,000 persons are listed in its former student files. Southwestern students are serving in various capacities in practically every nation in the world. The sun never sets on its alumni.

- 48 Give medicine to.
50 "And he said, . . . am I."
54 Father of Joshua, 1 Chron. 7:27.
55 Siamese measure; part of Wales.
56 New England state.
57 Southern state.
58 Danish; the heart of Adam.

ANSWER ON PAGE FIFTEEN

Last week the publicity director, A. L. Goodrich, listed fifty-nine leading Mississippi Baptist churches, large and small, that had included more than \$44,000 in their 1946 budgets. Since then the Convention Board office has received additional reports as follows:

Church and pastor:

Drew—W. S. Hardin.

East Moss Point—Montie A. Davis.
Kreole-First—W. W. Kyzar.

This brings the great total in 1946 budgets as reported to the office of the general director of the campaign to \$45,400.

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JACK NAZARY ORDAINED

A presbytery called by Midway Baptist Church, Leake county, January 28, recommended upon questioning and satisfactory answers the ordination of Jack Nazary. Rev. Nazary has been called as pastor of Chapel Hill Baptist Church, which requested the ordination. Rev. A. A. Ward, pastor of Midway church, was moderator and presided at the ordination service. Dr. William Potter, pastor at Carthage, was clerk of the session and gave the charge. Rev. W. H. Wood, father-in-law of the candidate and pastor at Oakvale, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. A. A. Jackson, Clarke College ministerial student, offered prayer following the laying-on of the hands. G. C. Williams, deacon of Midway church, presented the Bible.

Deacons were A. D. Richardson, A. R. Jackson, J. T. Renfro, G. C. Williams, H. G. Walton, J. M. Tullos, W. M. Thornton. Ordained ministers on the council were: A. A. Ward, William Potter, W. W. Spears, A. A. Jackson, Paul McDonald, H. P. McDonald, Lewis Bynum, G. W. Nutt, W. H. Wood and W. J. Himby.

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASED 32.8 PERCENT IN 18 YEARS

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ing statistics in 1943-44, only 185 reported in 1926. The department's comparative studies revealed that six of the 52 larger groups, these with 50,000 members and over, suffered losses in membership, while 50 of the 133 smaller bodies also showed a decrease.

Among the 13 largest religious bodies—those with a million and more members—the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc., (negro), and the National Baptist Convention of America (negro) reported the greatest gain, 99.4 per cent. In 1926, their joint membership was given as 3,196,623. For 1943-44, the incorporated body reported 4,021,618 members, and the other 2,352,339.

In the 18-year period, the Southern Baptist Convention gained 60.8 per cent; the United Lutheran Church, 39.2 per cent; the Lutheran Missouri Synod, 30.4 per cent; the Roman Catholic Church, 25.9 per cent; the Disciples of Christ, 21.4 per cent; the Northern Baptist Convention, 20.6 per cent; the Protestant Episcopal Church, 19.8 per cent; the Methodist Church, 19 per cent; Jewish congregations, 13.7 per cent; the Congregational Christian Churches, 8.1 per cent; and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., 7.7 per cent.

The greatest gain made by any body, regardless of size, was that of the Free Christian Zion Church of Christ, a negro group formed in 1905, which increased from 187 members in 1926 to 2,478 in 1943-44, a rise of 1225.1 per cent.

Heaviest loss was recorded by the Church of the Living God (Christian Workers for Fellowship) which dropped from 11,558 members in 1926 to 120 in 1943-44, a decrease of 99 per cent.

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DR. RANKIN SPEAKS AT BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

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ours," emphatically stated the world leader.

Immediate needs of the unchristian world cannot possibly be supplied by Baptists with their present personnel, was another opinion voiced by Dr. Rankin. He inferred that several hundred newly-called missionaries were in demand with some 200 of them needed in 1946. "It is not a question of open doors," said he, "but a question of whether we will enter the doors that are open. Our attempt to meet the present-day emergency can be well compared to the analogy of the man who attempted to cover a barrel-head with a postage stamp. He moves the stamp to one side to cover a section of it and immediately he sees the void left on the other side. If five and one-half million Southern Baptists expect to win the world with five and one-half hundred missionaries we are deceiving ourselves."

Concluding the interview the Board Executive made a direct appeal for male missionaries. It is a known fact that women are responding to the call of the foreign field far more rapidly than are the men. The request is that Baptist churches throughout the South and the entire world will humble themselves before God and plead in prayer for leaders to fill these vital and very urgent missionary positions. Behold, the fields are white unto harvest; now is the time.

THE WASHINGTON REVIEW

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Soon the date of presentation was fixed for the day before Thanksgiving.

It couldn't have been a more perfect time, coming one day before beginning of the observance, from Dr. Bradley's standpoint.

Good guess: Truman probably will read the designated chapter each day during the 34 days of the World Wide Bible Reading Observance.

German Religious Advisor

Look for the appointment of a "religious advisor" to our military authorities in the American zone of occupation. Both Protestant and Catholic circles are agitating for such an appointment—to come from the German nation, of course—and the idea is far beyond the discussion stage.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, now chief of staff, has been urged to make such an appointment for some time. He hasn't acted because of many other pressing matters, but it's in the wind for the near future.

Churches Petition Congress

Religious groups and churches have been busy sending petitions to Congress.

Here are just a few of the resolutions and communications referred to congressional committees in the past several days:

A petition from the New York Congregational Church Association endorsing a permanent fair employment practices committee.

A resolution from the Central Kansas Conference of the Methodist Church condemning universal compulsory military training legislation.

A letter from J. O. Gustafson, of Scranton, Kans., president of the Kansas-Missouri Ministerial Association of the Evangelical Covenant

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR PASTOR

We desire to express to our pastor, O. B. Beverly, our grateful acknowledgement of his zealous and untiring interest for our boys in service, having always on his heart their morale, their physical and spiritual welfare. From the beginning, as each boy enlisted, his name was added to the prayer list. Always, it was Brother Beverly's desire to keep them in close touch with the church, home and each other, through the church letter that contained, whenever possible, the location and latest news of each one, and by the sending of pocket Bibles, Christmas packages, and other gifts.

An impressive part of our weekly prayer meeting was: the flag service, followed by reading of the honor roll, and special prayers for them. Our pastor then passed out cards for us to write these boys. There were special prayers for those in service at every church meeting, but the Sunday bulletin gave the names of two boys we were to remember through the week in special prayer. . . .

We commend Brother Beverly for his loyalty and understanding in behalf of these boys and as a token of our deep appreciation, we pledge renewed co-operation to him in his every effort to advance the Kingdom in our church and community. And be it resolved that a copy of this little tribute be sent to our town paper, and also The Baptist Record, one to him and a copy be placed on our—W. M. U. minutes.—The Flora Jones Circle W. M. S., Flora Mississippi.

Mission Church, condemning, on behalf of the association, universal military training legislation.

A resolution by the missionary society of the Pessemmer, Pa., Presbyterian Church endorsing more requests of more funds for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Miscellaneous: Religious, educational and charitable organizations are the third major class in the group of non-profit organizations which are tax-exempt. House ways and means committee, always looking for ways to get more milk out of the tax cow, is trying to find a formula by which it can "get" non-profit organizations without taxing religious, educational and charitable organizations. . . . Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the United States Senate, has celebrated his 21st anniversary as pastor of Foundry Methodist Church, by declaring that America should "thank God for the atomic bomb because it makes appallingly clear the horrible goal to which another war will lead us and that the realization of goodwill is worth whatever sacrifice of national sovereignty and individual purpose may be needed to achieve it." . . . Vets' Chaplain Harold Wilke, who was born without arms, declared here that civilians need to be "rehabilitated—we need improvement, change and growth," warned against "harping" on veterans' wounds and not recognizing their personalities.

Most significant news of the week was Emperor Hirohito's New Year's proclamation to his people that the notion of his divinity was a matter of "legend and myth." The Japanese language version added a phrase not translated by Allied headquarters: "The Tunno (Emperor) is not a living god." The announcement followed General Douglas MacArthur's order of December 1, abolishing Shinto as the national religion.

Catholic employees of newspapers, radio, and advertising in New York City are organized into the Catholic Institute of the Press. The Churchman reports that 250 members of the Institute were recently told that they should help to de-



Answer to Crossword Puzzle on Page 14

We greatly appreciate a New Year's Day letter from Dr. C. E. Maddy, for many years the beloved Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. We take the liberty of quoting a few sentences from the letter: "The year just passed has, for me, been a time of readjustment and a time of earnest effort to regain my physical strength and nervous energy. I have been very busy too, throughout the past year. I have done much speaking and preaching, and am in the midst of writing the story of our Foreign Mission work covering ten decades. It is a fascinating work and a much bigger job than I anticipated. I am glad to tell you that I am much improved in general health and rested from the strenuous years in the work of the Foreign Mission Board. I trust, with His help, to be able to render some humble, useful service in the days to come."

fend and preserve the government of Franco in Spain. Dr. Edward T. Walsh told the group, "Franco is a very good Catholic . . . his only aim is to bring the government of Spain in line with the teachings of the Catholic church."

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for February 10
A PEOPLE DISCIPLINED
(Temperance Lesson)

Numbers

Devotional Reading, 2 Chron. 6:26-31

The discipline of Israel in wilderness wanderings for about thirty-eight years is recorded in the book of Numbers (so named from its two numberings).

Lesson Text and Outline

Numbers 14:11-24

- I. Provocation (Numbers 14:11-12).
- II. Prayer (Numbers 14:13-19).
- III. Pardon (Numbers 14:20).
- IV. Punishment (Numbers 14:21-23).
- V. Preservation (Numbers 14:24).

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Iniquity invites the wrath of God. Shocking was the cowardice and unbelief of Israel when the twelve spies reported on the resources and population of Canaan, only two of them urging immediate invasion. Observe: (1) Murmuring of Israel. A contagion of fear spread throughout the camp and the night was spent in weeping. Again Moses and Aaron were the target of complaint and of bitter criticism. How the multitude wished that they had died in Egypt or gotten no farther than the wilderness! At once there was started a back-to-Egypt movement, and there was call for a captain to lead them back to the valley of the Nile. (2) Prostration of Moses and Aaron. This latest development went like an arrow into the souls of the leaders, and prostrate they fell in utter anguish of heart on their faces in the presence of the people. (3) Protest of Caleb and Joshua. The two faithful spies rent their clothes in horror at the popular feeling. Again they declared that the Land of Promise was a delightful land, that the Lord would bring them into it, and that the people in their hesitating fear should not rebel against the Lord. For their pains and their plea, however, there was a claimor that they be stoned. (4) Revelation from Jehovah. Things had gotten to their worst when the voice of Jehovah, regnant and imperial, burst forth upon the congregation of Israel. In brief, it was to the effect that halting Israel deserved nothing better than immediate and entire extermination.

2. Intercession invokes the mercy of God. The prayer of Moses for his people in this critical hour was altogether selfless, spiritual, and sublime. The honor of the Lord before mankind; the power of God to achieve his purpose; the promise of the Lord to Israel; the long-suffering of the Lord in dealing with a sinning race; the place of restoration in the divine program for human progress—all were pleaded by the great leader.

3. Forgiveness exhibits the grace of God. The pardon of the people was granted in answer to the prayer of Moses. Grievously had they sinned but graciously they were saved as a nation from the consequences of their sins. Nevertheless, they were so manifestly unprepared for the stern work ahead of them that nothing remained but to allow them an-

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

J. A. O. Russell, Dardenelle, Ark., from Cotton Plant.

Lewis Stuakey, First, Ingleside, Tex., from Hempstead.

F. S. Perry, Rosalyn Road, Houston, Texas.

H. T. Arnold, Pruitt avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Wilbert V. Snider, Taylor, Texas, from Buffalo.

Charles Sapulpa, Okla., from Pawhuska.

Clayborn Deering, Immanuel, Shawnee, Okla., from Drumright.

C. C. Hurst, Albany, Ga.

W. O. Cruce, Lumber City, Ga.

O. M. Corley, Colfax, La.

Mark Reeves, Jr., Taylor, La., from Southwestern Seminary.

O. T. Hammons, Lee Heights, Pineville, La.

O. F. Grahe, Newport, Tenn., from Lake City.

A. M. Herrington, Southside, Jacksonville, Fla., from chaplaincy.

Noah A. Fox, Cherry Ridge, Bastrop, La., from Winnfield.

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Tokyo—(RNS)—Christians in Japan find it interesting that on the list of Japanese war criminals there is not one Christian "in good standing."

other period of probation in the wilderness.

4. Penalty exhibits the justice of God. The sentence of death in the wilderness was pronounced upon every man in the host above twenty years of age, save Caleb and Joshua; not one of them should enter Canaan. Moreover, the ten faithless spies fell at once under the stroke of divine justice; they "died by the plague before the Lord." The people were aroused to the enormity of their sin. They mourned bitterly over the missing of their opportunity. Indeed, over the protest of Moses, they sought presumptuously to make amends for their cowardice by scaling the mountain at dawn and giving battle to the Amalekites. An untimely blow it was, and immediately they were driven back in utter rout and discomfiture. Nothing remained for them but to bide the time set for them anew by the Lord.

5. Promise insures the keeping of God. In faith and courage Caleb and Joshua had made their minority report at Kadesh-barnea. Now they showed the patience of faith in the wilderness with its tedium and monotony. At length came the reward of faith, for they alone entered Canaan to occupy the promised inheritance while the cowardly spies had died at once by plague and the craven warriors who shrank from attack had all passed away.

Gold in the Golden Text

Whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Proverbs 3:12.

Creatively God is the father of all men, but redemptively He is the father of those only who are born again through repentance and regeneration. He is a loving father as shown supremely in the gift of His only begotten Son as our Saviour and Lord. He is a father who in wisdom and love chastens and corrects His children when they go wrong and do wrong. And His discipline is first corrective and constructive; then, if necessary, it must be punitive and penalizing. How delighted is the Father if, as He desires and designs, the discipline develops Christian character and capacity for Christian service!



Pictured above are 18 of the 22 G. I.'s enrolled at Baptist Bible Institute. They are: Front row, left to right: Beverly V. Tinnin, Shreveport, La.; A. W. Robbins, Angie, La.; Ruby Carter, North Augusta, S. C.; Henry L. Chisholm, West-Enterprise, Miss.; Elvin Hanks, Kentwood, La. Second row: Grady C. Moates, Miami, Fla.; Eugene Cross, Hickory, Miss.; Percy F. Herring, Vaiden, Miss.; Colon P. Coaker, West Monroe, La.; Eugene I. Farr, McCall Creek, Miss. Third row: Willie Spiers, Ocean Springs, Miss.; A. E. Chapman, Enterprise, La.; Wm. H. Wheelis, New Orleans, La.; Wm. L. Thompson, Jackson, Miss. Fourth row: Warren Tynes, Poplarville, Miss.; C. L. Hartford, Atkins, Ark.; Woodrow W. Clark, Neshoba, Miss.; James Southerland, Waucho, Fla. Those not in the picture include: Milton Fisher, Mt. Holly, N. C.; James C. Taylor, Florence, Miss.; Joyce Mullins, West Monroe, La., and Ted DeVries, San Diego, Calif.

The night before Christmas, Rev. James (Uncle Jim) Walter Wilson, venerable Negro and oldest citizen in the United States, died at Vidalia, Georgia, at the age of 120. He worked as a farm hand until he was 100 and then was ordained as a Baptist minister and served various churches. He was attended by a doctor at the age of 117 for the first time. His formula: "Live temperate and obey the laws of God."

Carthage: A Christmas gift of sterling silver service for six, which was delayed by prevailing conditions, has arrived and has been presented by the church to Pastor William Potter and his family. Dr. and Mrs. Potter are sincerely grateful for this expression of love.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 2—Miss Sara Lowrey, Waco, Texas, who holds the speech diploma and the bachelor of arts degree from Blue Mountain College is the author of an article in the "Quarterly Journal of Speech" for December, 1943, entitled, "Interpretative Reading as an Aid to Speech Correction, Acting and Radio." Miss Lowrey, who is the daughter of Dr. W. T. Lowrey, formerly president of Mississippi College and Blue Mountain College, is the head of the Department of Speech at Baylor University.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman and gospel singer, Homer Britton, who are now conducting a revival sponsored by the Southern Baptist churches in Evansville, Indiana, report that there were 73 additions by profession of faith during the revival at the First Baptist Church of Sarasota, Florida, of which H. C. Wayman is pastor. They also report 145 transfers of membership and conversions at First church, West Monroe, Louisiana, Dr. C. E. Autrey, pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Riley of Money ask special prayer for their three and one-half year old son, who is soon to have a delicate heart operation.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Jan. 28—Mrs. Charles McNamee, the former Frances Frierson of Jackson, who was graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1941, is on the faculty of the College of Commerce in the University of Iowa.

Several weeks ago we had a Going Places article in which we listed County Line church in Leake county. Since then in listing churches in Attala county we did not list County Line church. It has been called to our attention that County Line church is in Attala county and we are glad to make the correction in our records. County Line church has 46 subscribers on the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

Miss Mildred Tate Maxwell, Booneville, has been elected president of the Mathematics Club of Blue Mountain College. Other officers are: Vice-president, Maryelsie Hawkins, Oxford; secretary-treasurer, Bobby McGehee, Gulfport; program chairman, Evelyn Wright, Greenfield, Tennessee, and Daisy Lee Loden, Dorsey; and social chairman, Elizabeth Smith, Blue Mountain.

The Home Mission Board has moved into its new headquarters building at 494 Spring street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. The request is made that all who correspond with Home Mission general secretaries and the book and business offices address mail to the new headquarters on Spring street.

There were 27 additions to the First Baptist Church of Scottsville, Kentucky, in 1945. The present membership is 406 which is an all-time high. Contributions amounted to \$10,520.22, which is more than \$1300 above last year's record. Offerings average \$26 per capita which is considerably above the average for Southern Baptists, and there is no indebtedness. H. L. Carter is pastor. Mississippians will remember Mr. Carter as pastor at Lyon.